

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

**Honorary Degree Citations
The degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*,
conferred on Dr. Carney
Thursday, October 7, 2010**

Mr. Chancellor, it is my privilege to present a remarkable Canadian, the Honourable Patricia Carney. Her contributions to our economic, political, and social well-being have left an indelible mark on this country.

Born in Shanghai, China and educated at the University of British Columbia, she has been a role model of integrity throughout a varied and distinguished career. Curious, fearless, and independent, she was the first female business columnist to write for major Canadian newspapers, and received numerous awards for excellence in business writing. These same qualities led to her success as an economic consultant and eventually to her election in 1980 as the first female Conservative Member of Parliament from British Columbia.

In Pat Carney, Canada found a great asset; in politics, she discovered her “professional passion.” No request was too humble, no question too trivial, no task too daunting for the Member from Vancouver Centre. She was the first woman to hold three senior economic cabinet posts. As Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, she was responsible for negotiating the Principles of the Atlantic Accord and for dismantling the National Energy Program. During her tenure as Minister of International Trade, she was the Minister responsible for the Canada-US Free Trade negotiations. Her exceptional work on this portfolio was recognized with an award from the New York Bar Association. And in her capacity as President of the Treasury Board, she initiated the groundbreaking Task Force on Barriers to Women in the Public Service. She was also the Minister

nal Affairs, where she furthered the cause of aboriginal women.

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