



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Honorary Degree Citations The degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, conferred on Dr. Marguerite Ford Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. Chancellor, I am honoured to present Marguerite Ford, a distinguished British Columbian whose life exemplifies service to community. For more than forty years, Marguerite Ford's holistic vision of a caring society has sustained and inspired all who know her.

She began her career as a medical librarian, a profession that demands tremendous self-discipline, an inquiring intellect, and an unerring eye for detail. When in 1976 she won a seat on Vancouver City Council, these very traits, together with her indefatigable energy and compassion, earned her a reputation for integrity, courage and effectiveness.

For the next ten years, Marguerite Ford served the citizens of Vancouver. During a period of unprecedented growth in the Lower Mainland, she played a key role on numerous planning committees, advocated the need for livable communities, and championed the concerns of less advantaged citizens.

Her advocacy encompassed not only a myriad of issues such as housing and transportation, but also health care, for she understood that if communities are to be strong and vibrant, health care services must be adequate and accessible. She served on the Metropolitan Board of Health, the Vancouver Hospice Project, the Greater Vancouver Mental Health Service, and also chaired the Committee on the