



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Honorary Degree Citations The degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, conferred on Dr. Grace Mary McCarthy Thursday, June 5, 1997

Mr. Chancellor, it is my great pleasure to present Grace Mary McCarthy. We recognize today her lasting contribution to the people of British Columbia and Canada.

If it is true that our work is a portrait of ourselves, then Grace McCarthy's portrait reflects a woman of integrity, wit, wisdom, tenacity, and compassion. A native of Vancouver, she has devoted her life to the betterment of B.C. As a business woman, as a municipal and provincial politician, and as a volunteer, Grace McCarthy has lived by the maxim: "Life grants nothing to us mortals without hard work."

Her remarkable career as a politician began in the early 1960s with her election to the City of Vancouver's Board of Parks and Public Recreation. First elected to the B.C. legislature in 1966, she entered Cabinet as Minister without Portfolio. In 1975, she was appointed Deputy Premier and named to two senior cabinet posts. During a per