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DAVID KIRBY
Doctor of Humane Letters

DAVID KIRBY, our dear Dean, no doubt you have been called many things by students and faculty during your tenure here, but today we salute you as "Mr. Educator of West Virginia." Born in West Virginia's Calhoun County, you sing "The West Virginia Hills" not only with enthusiasm and pride, but also with the devotion of one who has spent a lifetime of service in the cause of our State's public education. For half a century you have served our people as a public school teacher, college professor, Secretary of the State Board of Education, and since 1942 as Dean at this College. Your courage has been firm in the exercise of your responsibilities, but always tempered by a sympathetic understanding of the problems of others. As a new dean and a new president know so well, your patience is inexhaustible. Although you have said that "A job well done is recognition enough," your contribution has been extraordinary, and you, Sir, are truly a remarkable gentleman. As you conclude your many years of active service in this State and at this institution, Concord College desires to have your name on her rolls forever by conferring upon you her degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

June the First
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Joseph Franklin Marsh, Jr.
President