

ELIZABETH DUNCAN KOONTZ is an educator who has risen to high administrative office. Born in Salisbury, she earned degrees from Livingstone College and Atlanta University. She has taught in Dunn, Landis, Winston-Salem, and Salisbury. She has always been actively and effectively involved in professional organizations and has played an increasingly important role in them. She is past president of the North Carolina Association of Classroom Teachers, and past president of the Department of Classroom Teachers of the National Education Association. She rose to the national vice presidency of the NEA in 1967, and was national president in 1968. The following year she was named Director of the Women's Bureau, Wage and Labor Standards Administration, United States Department of Labor. Recently she was named Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department. She is also United States Delegate to the United Nations Committee on the Status of Women. Mrs. Koontz has received numerous teaching awards, citizenship awards, and honorary degrees. The State of North Carolina is pleased that one of its own has risen to positions of such national importance. The University at Chapel Hill is honored to present her with the degree, Doctor of Laws.