

Betty Ray McCain
Doctor of Laws

Betty Ray McCain is among the most distinguished and influential women that the State of North Carolina has produced in this century. More than one friend of the arts credits her with making of the Department of Cultural Resources, which she now heads, an active, creative, and aggressive institution that is truly making North Carolina the "State of the Arts." Another friend speaks of her as "the perfect example of the best that is achieved when good nature, great humor, high energy, splendid education, and the kindest compassion are combined." Terry Sanford calls her "a role model for all women and an example for all North Carolinians." Betty McCain has served four terms on the University of North Carolina Board of Governors, she was the first woman to serve on the Advisory Budget Commission, she has chaired the North Carolina Democratic Party, and has co-chaired two gubernatorial campaigns and one senatorial campaign. She is a graduate of St. Mary's College, the University of North Carolina and Columbia University. She holds the Distinguished Service Medal of the General Alumni Association and is now honored by her alma mater with the degree of Doctor of Laws.