SIDNEY ALDERMAN BLACKMER, distinguished actor, native of Salisbury, former student in this University, veteran of half a century of successful performances on stage, screen, radio, and television, has crowned his long career in the theatre by playing, last year, a leading stage role in the Broadway production, "A Case of Libel," and a leading television role in the national television memorial salute by members of his profession to the late President Kennedy. More than two hundred films and thirty-six Broadway productions, in which he has appeared either as the star or as a featured player, attest to his versatility and talent. Famed for his frequent portrayals of President Theodore Roosevelt, he won for his studio an "Oscar" for the film, "Teddy, the Rough Rider." Holder of three coveted awards for excellence in acting; cited by his native state at the Trade Fair in Charlotte as one of its distinguished sons in the performing arts; honored by positions of trust on the governing bodies of the Actor's Equity Association and the American Federation of Radio and Television Artists, as well as on numerous civic and community and state organizations, he has unselfishly enriched the lives of countless thousands.

In gratitude for his leadership in his chosen profession, and for the honor he has brought to his state, the University of North Carolina is delighted to bestow on him the degree of Doctor of Humanities.

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