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DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES, HONORIS CAUSA

Delegate Joe Ellington, you have devoted your life to serving others in the legislative arena and in healthcare.

A native of Flushing, N.Y., you have compiled an impressive educational background that includes a Bachelor of Science from Guilford College and both a Master of Science and a Ph.D. from Duke University. You earned your medical degree from Wake Forest University and completed a residency at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Your medical honors include serving as Chief of Staff at Princeton Community Hospital and being named a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Your history of service with the West Virginia Legislature includes being elected to the House of Delegates – 2010-2020 – and leadership positions on several committees. These include Chair, Committee on Education, 84th Legislature; Chair, Committee on Health and Human Resources, 82nd, 83rd and 84th Legislatures; and Chair, Committee on Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse, 83rd Legislature. Additional public service includes membership on the Mercer County Republican Executive Committee.

Your strong and continued support of education in West Virginia is especially commendable. As Chair of the Education Committee, you have been a champion of both K-12 and post-secondary education and the opportunities it brings to the people of the Mountain State. You have routinely advocated for additional funding for all West Virginia schools. Not only have you supported Concord in its pursuits, you have also insisted that all institutions of higher education across the state be promoted as a tool for West Virginia citizens.

Your efforts have been vital in the development of the new nursing program and the future of additional health sciences programs at Concord University. Your leadership, along with the support of your colleagues in the West Virginia House of Delegates, were instrumental in securing funding for Concord's new nursing program.

Your family includes wife, Sharon Perdue, and children, Dana, Alyssa, Erica, and Joe III.

In acknowledgment of your tireless dedication to the health, education, and well-being of your fellow citizens, Concord University confers upon you, Delegate Joe Ellington, the degree of Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*.

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