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NORTH CAROLINA
AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY
Greensboro, North Carolina

CITATION
HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES

JOSEPH ALFRED McNEILL

JOSEPH ALFRED McNEILL, a native of Wilmington, North Carolina, articulate advocate of justice and human dignity, North Carolina A&T State University honors you today for your remarkable courage, acute vision, and for the great esteem which you have brought to your alma mater, this community, the state and the nation.

In your continued quest and concern for protecting the God-given rights for all mankind, you have continued to quicken a nation's conscience to its moral imperatives.

From your beginnings in Wilmington, North Carolina, you became a graduate of Williston Senior High School before enrolling at North Carolina A&T State University as a major in engineering physics.

While you were a freshman, it was your courageous role as a planner and implementer of the historic February 1, 1960 lunch-counter sit-in at the F. W. Woolworth Store which earned for you the admiration and respect of a nation.

Since graduation from A&T State University, you have enjoyed a distinguished career as a United States Air Force Officer and Reserve Unit Colonel, a stockbroker, a commercial banker and aviation safety inspector.

You have been much honored for your contributions and service to your community, the university and the nation, and you have become an effective role model for today's young people.

Because you have had a distinct and positive impact on human relations and racial understanding, and your service to this University,

I am honored to present JOSEPH ALFRED McNEILL, for the conferring of the HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES.

This the 5th of May 1991.

Charles D. Bussey, Chairman
Board of Trustees