

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, ON JUNE 11, 1955, CONFERRED THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF ARTS ON MR. FULLER WITH THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

R. BUCKMINSTER FULLER, AUTHOR, INVENTOR, AND ARCHITECT. EDUCATED AT HARVARD AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY WHENCE HE WAS COMMISSIONED IN THE REGULAR NAVY, HE HAS SINCE RISEN TO A PLACE OF REMARKABLE EMINENCE IN THE ART AND SCIENCE OF ARCHITECTURE. IN TWO WORLD WARS HE GAVE HIMSELF UNSTINTINGLY IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY. AS AN AUTHOR, HE HAS PUBLISHED BOOKS IN A VARIETY OF FIELDS AND EDITED A MAGAZINE. AS A CREATIVE ARTIST, HE HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL AND ORIGINAL INTELLECTS OF OUR TIME. A NEW SYSTEM OF GEOMETRY WAS BORN OF HIS THINKING; HE HOLDS THE ONLY UNITED STATES PATENT FOR A NEW KIND OF MAP PROJECTION. APPLYING HIS DYNAMION THEORY, HE HAS CONSTRUCTED AUTOMOBILES AND HOUSES OF A MOST RADICAL DESIGN. HE HAS DEVELOPED REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS OF LIGHTNESS AND ECONOMY WHOLLY NEW TO THE ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL WORLD. WITHAL, HE HAS FOUND TIME TO GIVE UNSELFISHLY OF HIS ENERGY TO CREATIVE YOUTH IN SCHOOLS OF ARCHITECTURE FROM COAST TO COAST. HONOR AND AFFECTION HAVE COME HIS WAY IN PROFUSION, IN 1952 HE RECEIVED THE AWARD OF MERIT FROM THE NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS; IN 1954, THE CITATION OF MERIT FROM THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AT PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY. THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN IS HAPPY TO SHOW HIM ITS GRATITUDE AND AFFECTION, FOR AS MUCH AS ANY IT HAS BENEFITED FROM AN EXCITING PERSONAL CONTACT WITH HIS GENIUS.

HONORARY DEGREES, JUNE 1955, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN:

- GOULD ARTHUR ANDREWS, '13, A. M. '17, PRESIDENT, GRAND RAPIDS JUNIOR COLLEGE
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- HARLOW HERBERT CURTICE, PRESIDENT, GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION
- R. BUCKMINSTER FULLER, INVENTOR AND ARCHITECT
- EDGAR ALBERT GUEST, WRITER
- EDVALETH KAKKAT JANAKI, M.S. '26, SC.D. '31, DIRECTOR, CENTRAL BOTANICAL LABORATORY, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
- JONAS EDWARD SALK, RESEARCH PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF BACTERIOLOGY, AND DIRECTOR OF THE VIRUS RESEARCH LABORATORY, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
- JOHN WESLEY SHENK, J.D. '03, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA
- ALBINO ZARATE SYCIP, LL.B. '12, GENERAL MANAGER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, CHINA BANKING CORPORATION, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
- EARL WARREN, CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES

MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE CENTENNIAL AWARD PRESENTED BY MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE IN ITS CENTENNIAL YEAR TO R. BUCKMINSTER FULLER IN "RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICES WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND", GIVEN AT EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN, MAY 20, 1955, WITH THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

R. BUCKMINSTER FULLER - ENGINEER; INVENTOR, ARCHITECT, TEACHER, MATHEMATICIAN, AUTHOR AND PHILOSOPHER, YOUR DISTINGUISHED CAREER HAS MADE YOUR NAME KNOWN TO ENLIGHTENED PEOPLES THE WORLD OVER. WE RECOGNIZE YOUR GENIUS AS A VITAL AND POSITIVE FORCE IN THE LIFE OF OUR TIME, AND WE ARE PROUD THAT YOU SHOULD SEE FIT TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR SYMPOSIA. MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE IS DISTINCTLY HONORED TO PRESENT TO YOU ITS CENTENNIAL AWARD, AS A TRIBUTE TO YOUR MANY ACHIEVEMENTS.