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MADELEINE DINORA GIGUERE, Sociologist and Teacher:

Your deep concern for the welfare of your fellow Franco-Americans has caused you to use your academic skills to uphold and enhance the national tradition venerated in your family home. Your scholarship on Franco-Americans in New England has made an important contribution to the understanding of this population. As a Professor at the University of Maine, your teaching, public service and other contributions have caused you to be viewed as a role model for countless students of Franco-American descent. More recently you have used your prestige and reputation to dramatize the importance of the 1980 census. In these activities, and as Chair of the Maine Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, you have demonstrated the truth of the American Patriot Nathan Hale's words that "Every kind of service necessary to the public good becomes honorable by being necessary."

Therefore, by the authority vested in me and by the concurrent action of the Board of Regents for Education and the Faculty of Rhode Island College, I confer upon you the honorary degree of DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS with all the rights, benefits, and privileges pertaining thereto. In token whereof, I present you with this diploma and cause you to be vested with the insignia of the degree.