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#### CITATION HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES

#### JIBREEL KHAZAN (EZELL BLAIR JR.)

JIBREEL KHAZAN (EZELL BLAIR JR.), a native of Greensboro, North Carolina and dedicated human rights advocate, North Carolina A&T State University honors you today for the magnificence of your commitment to justice and personal dignity, and for the tremendous impact which you have had on this great University's history.

In your continued quest for a united community, you have demonstrated those endearing qualities of compassion and love for all mankind.

From your beginnings in Greensboro, North Carolina, you became an honor graduate of James B. Dudley High School before enrolling at North Carolina A&T State University as a sociology major.

Your place in history was earned when, as a freshman student at the University, you magnificently participated in the planning and implementation of the historic February 1, 1960 lunch-counter sit-in at the F. W. Woolworth Store in downtown Greensboro. This daring deed served to inspire a nation and to advance the cause of liberty and justice throughout the land.

Since graduating from A&T State University, you have continued to serve in positions which provide uplift and inspiration for the citizens of your community. Your roles with the Rodman Job Corps Center and the Opportunities Industrialization Center have been commendable.

Because of your many contributions to the cause of racial understanding and the virtues of brotherly love, and your undying support of this University,

I am honored to present JIBREEL KHAZAN (EZELL BLAIR JR.), for the conferring of the HONORARY DEGREE OF HUMANITIES.

This the 5th of May 1991.

Charles D. Bussey, Chairman Board of Trustees