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ARTEMISIA Bowden, native of the State of Georgia, teacher, educational administrator, guiding spirit of many civic organizations, active associate in many public and private humanitarian movements. Saint Augustine's College is proud to count you among her illustrious daughters. We recognize you as a gifted scholar in varied fields of Education. We recognize you as a thinker who moves eagerly in the higher reaches of the mind; as a teacher who develops in her students the order of literary creation; but we honor you still more for the example you have set for their personal sense of responsibility in society.

Your humanitarianism has been continually reflected through attributes of service, devotion, and sensitivity to the good of mankind. Indicative of this, you were cited in 1942 by the National Council of Negro Women as one of the ten most outstanding women in the field of education. You were named Good Neighbor of the Week by the Council of Pan-American Relations, San Antonio, Texas in 1950. In 1963, you were cited for your contribution to creative social change in Bexar County by the Council of Jewish Women and the San Antonio Young Women's Christian Association.

Your academic preparation for these paramount honors and citations were garnered from the following institutions: Saint Augustine's College, New York School of Social Work, and the University of Colorado. Your acquirements have been the Bachelor of Arts Degree from Saint Augustine's College, and the Honorary Master of Arts Degree from Wiley College. After these degrees had been conferred upon you, you continued to do further study at the New York School of Social Work, and the University of Colorado. As a public-spirited citizen, keenly interested in the cause of Education, you exhibited great tenacity

by beginning as Principal of the St. Philip's Normal and Industrial School, San Antonio, Texas, where you remained to see this school develop into a high school and later into a first-class junior college. In 1942, through your initiative and persistence, St. Philip's College began its new era as a public junior college under the San Antonio-Independent School District. The President of San Antonio Junior College then became the president of St. Philip's and at this time you became Dean of St. Philip's College.

Active membership in the following learned and civic societies of national and local import attests to your scholarship, ability, service, and personality. You were president of the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Chairman of the Lindbergh Park Recreational Club. Furthermore you are a member of the following organizations: NEA, Texas State Teachers Association, Texas State Interracial Committee, National Council of Negro Women, Texas Association, Texas Social Welfare Association, Texas Tuberculosis Association of Bexar County, Southern Conference Education Fund, and the Southern Conference of Christians and Jews.

ARTEMISIA BOWDEN, distinguished educator, widely-acclaimed humanitarian, versatile lady of letters, able and ardent advocate of the maximum cultivation of one's talents, Saint Augustine's College is indeed proud to count you among her daughters.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Board of Trustees, and upon the recommendation of the Faculty, the Alumni and the Board of Trustees, I hereby confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, with all of the rights, privileges and honors appertaining thereto.