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The Honourable Senator Claudette Tardif, Ph.D.

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## **SENATOR CLAUDETTE TARDIF RECEIVES A HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA**

***Ottawa, June 7, 2006 – Honorary Doctorate - Spring 2006 Convocation,  
Southam Hall, National Arts Centre***

The University of Ottawa confers a Honorary Doctorate to the Honourable Claudette Tardif, Ph.D., at 7:30 p.m. today, during the 2006 spring convocation ceremony of the University of Ottawa.

Senator Tardif has made a significant contribution to the society at large and she has long been recognized as one of Canada's foremost advocates and defenders of minority linguistic and cultural rights, and for her considerable contribution to both secondary and post-secondary education. Before entering public life, Senator Tardif worked in higher education, first as a professor, then as Dean of Faculté Saint-Jean and in a number of senior positions within the University of Alberta. Dr. Tardif is a tireless advocate for the Francophone community in Alberta and elsewhere. She has published numerous articles and book chapters, focussing on immersion education and the role of francophone schooling in the development of cultural identity in a minority environment as well as on teacher education.

If you wish to obtain additional information, please consult the University of Ottawa's website or contact Senator Claudette Tardif's office.

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