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Citation

A native of Texas, whose formal educational background includes a B.A. degree in Speech and Education and two M.A. degrees in School Administration and Adult Learning, he has devoted his working life to the field of public education. He has served in four California school districts — as a teacher in Aptos, as a teacher and administrator in Covina, for seven years as Superintendent of Schools in Pasadena, for two years as Superintendent of Schools in San Jose, and for the past five years as San Francisco's Superintendent of Schools. In the course of his career as an educator, he has served on numerous task forces and committees with the State Department of Education, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Department of Human Services, and the U.S. Department of Education. Also deeply interested in the educational needs of special students, he established and for twelve years administered a summer camp for the educable mentally handicapped. He was appointed by former President Jimmy Carter to the Chief Advisory Committee on Education to assist with the establishment of the new U.S. Department of Education. And he has worked as a consultant and contributor with Stanford University, the University of California, the California State College and University System and California Community College System. A man of exceptional educational vision, rare understanding of the forces that today impinge on public education, uncompromising commitment to the provision of quality educational opportunities, brilliant skills as an administrator, unswerving determination, and indefatigable energy, he has won the support of San Franciscans of all economic and cultural backgrounds and shades of political opinion for major improvements in the public education system. And in doing so, he has inspired new confidence in teachers, administrators and citizens that continuing improvements can and will be achieved, to the benefit of students and the entire community.

In recognition of his outstanding leadership and accomplishments as San Francisco's Superintendent of Schools and of his contributions to the upgrading of American public education, the Board of Trustees of Golden Gate University hereby confirms upon

Ramon C. Cortines

the degree of

Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa

with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.

*Granted this first day of June, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety One
in San Francisco, California*



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