Anthony Eden Rand
Doctor of Laws

Tony Rand earned his A.B. in political science and his J.D. at Carolina in 1961 and 1964, respectively. He was appointed to a vacant seat in the North Carolina Senate in 1981 and has since been re-elected 10 times, not all consecutively. He is currently the senate majority leader, a post he has held since 2001, and chairs the powerful Rules Committee. Rand’s service to Carolina has been long and faithful. He co-chaired the Joint Select Committee on Higher Education Facilities Needs, introduced and shepherded through the General Assembly the bill that authorized the $3.1 billion higher education bond issue, and played a major role in the successful campaign that led to voter approval of the bonds in 2000. He is currently treasurer and a member and past chair of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association. Rand has served on the Carolina First Campaign Steering Committee, the Board of Visitors and the Board of Directors of the Law Alumni Association. Carolina has previously honored him with the Order of the Golden Fleece (1961), the General Alumni Association’s Distinguished Service Medal (1998), the William R. Davie Award (1995) and the Distinguished Alumnus Award (2002). His honors also include the 2000 Legislative Leadership Award presented by the North Carolina Council of Community Programs, Common Cause North Carolina’s Plott Hound Award (2005) for leadership in legislative ethics reform, and an honorary degree and the Chancellor’s Medallion from Fayetteville State University.

For outstanding service to his alma mater and the people of the State of North Carolina, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is pleased to confer on Anthony Eden Rand the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.