

WASHINGTON, DC - Representative Robert C. “Bobby” Scott (VA-03) received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), in honor of his “exemplary service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States of America.” The honorary degree was awarded Saturday at VCU’s winter commencement at the school’s Siegel Center in Richmond, VA.

Congressman Scott was invited to be the commencement speaker and offered words of hope and encouragement to the graduating students. The degree was awarded at the conclusion of his remarks by VCU President Eugene P. Trani.

The citation reads:

Robert C. Scott, through your resolute and exemplary service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States of America, as a distinguished member of the Virginia General Assembly and the U.S. House of Representatives for over three decades, you offer an inspiring model of leadership for tomorrow’s leaders to emulate.

Through your elected positions and your service in the military, you have dedicated a majority of your life to the improvement and safety of our nation. Your outstanding academic record, as well as your unwavering commitment to protecting the rights and civil liberties of all Americans throughout your career, make it a distinct honor for Virginia Commonwealth University to have you as a partner in providing vital educational opportunities.

Robert C. Scott, by the authority vested in me by the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University, I hereby confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, with all the rights, privileges and emoluments thereunto pertaining.

“This is a great honor,” said Rep. Scott. “Virginia Commonwealth University is an outstanding university. I am always impressed with the services and opportunities that it provides as well as with the accomplishments of its graduates.”

I am pleased to receive this honorary degree and congratulate this year’s graduates.”

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