

# *Douglas Carmichael McIntyre II*

## DOCTOR OF LAWS

**D**ouglas Carmichael “Mike” McIntyre has led a distinguished career in law and public service while remaining a community volunteer and devoted alumnus of UNC-Chapel Hill. His lifetime of achievement and distinguished public service has ranged from serving in the U.S. Congress to mentoring UNC law students to coaching local sports teams in his hometown of Lumberton.

Elected to Congress in 1996 and serving for nearly two decades, McIntyre advocated for marginalized and rural populations while reforming agricultural and economic policies, fighting for federal recognition for the Lumbee Tribe and authoring legislation for the tobacco buyout and to help distressed communities in the southeastern United States. Internationally, McIntyre promoted workforce development and agriculture, and he was one of nine U.S. House members chosen to represent the United States in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (commonly known as the Helsinki Commission).

McIntyre has received numerous awards, including the Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake Jr. Award for Outstanding Public Service; the North Carolina Liberty Bell Award for his promotion of civic engagement and strengthening democracy; the North Carolina State Bar’s Distinguished Service Award; the Distinguished Public Service Award from the U.S. Secretary of the Navy for exceptional leadership on behalf of the Navy and Marine Corps; and the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security’s award in public policy for promoting jobs and workforce development.

McIntyre earned his undergraduate and law degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill. A Morehead scholar himself, he chaired the Robeson County Morehead Scholarship Committee for a decade. He is a member of the UNC Cornerstone Club and the alumni chair of the McIntyre-Whichard Legal Fellows Program at UNC Law. He and his family established the McIntyre Family Scholarship for law student leaders who have demonstrated exemplary citizenship and service to others. He received UNC Law’s Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2019 and was inducted into the Order of the Golden Fleece in 2021.

For outstanding accomplishment in public service, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is pleased to confer on Douglas Carmichael McIntyre II the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*.