

Landrum R. Bolling

Mr. President, I have the honor to present as a candidate for an honorary degree LANDRUM R. BOLLING, scholar, educational leader, persuasive spokesman for private philanthropy, and visionary in the search for peace in the Middle East. Dr. Bolling, whose undergraduate work was done at the University of Tennessee and whose graduate studies were carried on at the University of Chicago, is currently Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Council on Foundations. His long and productive career in higher education began with a teaching appointment at Brown University, which was followed by positions on the faculties of Beloit College and Earlham College where, as President, he directed that institution's remarkable development from 1958 until 1973. He was a primary force in the founding of the Great Lakes Colleges Association, chairing its Board of Directors during the consortium's tenuous early years. The GLCA Japan Study Program is an important legacy of his commitment to our understanding of non-Western cultures.

In addition to chairing several regional higher education organizations, he has provided quiet leadership through his service on the boards of the Association of American Colleges, the National Council of Independent Colleges and Universities, and the National Council of Protestant Colleges and Universities.

As chief executive officer of the Lilly Endowment, one of the nation's largest foundations, and in his present capacity, Dr. Bolling's testimony has been regularly sought by Senate and House committees responsible for tax legislation and regulations affecting private foundations. Through his writing and speeches, he has clearly articulated America's need for a comprehensive public policy to encourage private philanthropy.

Practice of his Quaker faith, experience as a foreign correspondent during and after World War II, and his training as a political scientist have contributed to his active interest in world peace. His book, *Search for Peace in the Middle East*, is but one tangible product of this lifelong service to humankind.

Therefore, on behalf of the Faculty of Kalamazoo College, I recommend that upon LANDRUM R. BOLLING be conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters.