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LELAND IRA DOAN

Mr. President, I have the honor to present as a candidate for an honorary degree Leland Ira Doan, President of the Dow Chemical Company. Throughout his career he has demonstrated the truth that leadership lies in faith in other men, in understanding them, and in earning their unshaken loyalty and trust. He joined The Dow Chemical Company first as a research assistant, and he still lives in the belief that business and the laboratories, knowledge and industrial growth, are indissolubly wedded and ultimately committed to the same ends. That belief is manifest in the ways he has chosen to serve his fellow men, for he is director of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, the American Forces Chemical Association, the Health Information Foundation, the Manufacturing Chemist's Association, and, at the same time, a Regent of the University of Michigan. His faith in others and his belief in the interdependence of knowledge and industry have contributed much to making the company of which he is president one of those great corporations upon which the economic health and the military defense of our nation rest. Therefore, on behalf of the Faculty of Kalamazoo College, I recommend that upon him be conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws.