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# John Earl Fetzer

Mr. President, I have the honor to present as a candidate for an honorary degree, JOHN EARL FETZER, business executive, civic leader, long-time trustee, friend, and benefactor of Kalamazoo College and higher education, and sports enthusiast.

President of the Fetzer Broadcasting Service, Mr. Fetzer has traveled widely as a foreign correspondent and communications expert and consultant and has represented the media and the nation in a variety of capacities both at home and abroad. His guidance and leadership have provided the city of Kalamazoo and the area at large with responsible, sensitive and civic-minded radio and television broadcasting.

Mr. Fetzer's breadth and depth of intellectual interest and ability are attested to by his membership in the Royal Society of Arts (London) and the Academy of Political and Social Sciences, his leadership in his profession, his dedication to service in the community, and his commitment to excellence in higher education by his participation in organizations too numerous to recite. A native son of Indiana, he received his education at Purdue University, Andrews University and the University of Michigan. The descendant of a family which immigrated to the United States from Germany, Mr. Fetzer's abiding interest in his own origins and the homeland of his ancestors has found expression in a published history of his family and his membership in the National Geneological Society.

Since Kalamazoo College recognizes both excellence of achievement and the service which emanates from this achievement, it is appropriate that we honor one who has achieved and served.

I recommend, therefore, on behalf of the Faculty of Kalamazoo College that upon JOHN EARL FETZER be conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws.