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Laurence McKinley Gould

Mr. President, I have the honor to present as a candidate for an honorary degree, Laurence McKinley Gould—geologist, explorer, author, teacher, distinguished college president, and collector of red ties, stuffed penguins, poems, and honorary degrees.

It is especially fitting that one who received his undergraduate education and his first doctorate from that younger sister institution, the University of Michigan, should at last receive a degree from the oldest seat of higher learning in his native state.

His pioneering work as an explorer is chronicled in his remarkable book, *COLD*, an account of one of the last great dog-sled journeys, which he made as second in command of the 1928 Byrd Expedition to the Antarctic. That he has retained his adventurous spirit through many years as a distinguished teacher of geology and dynamic president of Carleton College is confirmed by two more recent trips to the Antarctic as Director of the United States Antarctic program for the International Geophysical Year 1957-58. During this period he was instrumental in achieving one of the few international agreements including the Soviet Union which continues to be honored.

Throughout his career his activities have been characterized by impatience with anything less than man's best. "The Pursuit of Excellence" was not merely a slogan for students at Carleton College; it was a way of life personified by their president, Laurence Gould. His service as national president of Phi Beta Kappa, as a member of the National Science Board of the National Science Foundation, and as a member of the executive committee of the Ford Foundation indicates his concern for, and the recognition by others of his dedication to, excellence. That rare combination of distinguished scientist and articulate humanist which is so desperately needed in the world today, is exemplified in this man.

On behalf of the Faculty of Kalamazoo College, therefore, I recommend that upon Laurence McKinley Gould be conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters.