Russell George Mawby

Mr. President, I have the honor and the privilege of presenting RUSSELL GEORGE MAWBY, President of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, as a candidate for an honorary degree.

Born in Grand Rapids, educated in East Lansing, and busy at productive work in Battle Creek since 1964, Dr. Mawby is a neighbor we can always look to for help; more importantly, we can look to him for inspiration as well.

A firm believer in the principle that a philanthropic foundation's role is "to help people help themselves," Dr. Mawby has always thoughtfully and wisely directed the Kellogg Foundation's activities and resources to provide the greatest good in the areas of the greatest need. A man of compassion and sensitivity, he has been, since becoming President of the Foundation in 1970, most innovative in developing programs designed to encourage volunteerism, aid the disadvantaged, and educate the neglected.

A man of global vision, he has led the Kellogg Foundation in establishing international programs. Students in this country and in South America, Africa, Asia, and elsewhere throughout the world are richer in knowledge and wisdom because of his generosity. His efforts have earned him recognition both at home and abroad. The governments of Denmark and Norway knighted him; scores of institutions of higher education have awarded him honorary degrees.

At a time when Kalamazoo College is recognizing the interdependence of the peoples of the world, it is indeed fitting that we recognize a man who has done so much to provide health, nutrition, and education for those in need around the world.

On behalf of the Faculty of Kalamazoo College, I recommend that upon RUSSELL GEORGE MAWBY be conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws.