

SECTION: 15
DATE: November 15, 2005

BOARD OF REGENTS

Eastern Michigan University

RECOMMENDATION

Honorary Degree

ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that the Board of Regents award an honorary Doctorate of Public Service to Congressman John D. Dingell Jr., the longest serving member of the United States House of Representatives, at the Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005 commencement ceremony.

STAFF SUMMARY:

Congressman Dingell's biography follows on the next page.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer

Date

Congressman John David Dingell, Jr.

Congressman John David Dingell Jr. is the Dean of the United States House of Representatives. A Democrat, he has represented a district in the working-class suburbs of Detroit, Michigan, since 1955. Dingell's father, John D. Dingell, Sr. (1894-1955), represented the same district from 1932 to 1955.

Congressman Dingell was born July 8, 1926. In 1944, at the age of 18, he joined the US Army and prepared to fight the Axis powers in World War II. He rose to the rank of Second Lieutenant and received orders to take part in the first wave of a planned invasion of Japan in November of 1945. The Congressman has said President Truman's decision to use the atomic bomb to end the war 'saved' his life.

Dingell finished his military service in the fall of 1946, and then attended Georgetown University in Washington, DC where he studied chemistry. He continued his studies at Georgetown Law School, graduating in 1952. He then worked as a forest ranger, a prosecuting attorney for Wayne County and ran his own private law office. When his father passed away while still a Member of the US House of Representatives in 1955, the younger Dingell stepped up to fill the void, beginning his career on Capitol Hill at the age of 29.

Since 1955 Dingell has been re-elected 25 times. With the retirement of Jamie L. Whitten at the start of a new Congress in January 1995, he became the longest-serving member in Congress.

People living in Michigan's 15th District know Congressman Dingell as a tenacious, tireless advocate for their communities. He has developed a sound reputation as a champion for working families; a crusader for our nation's natural heritage; and the leading voice in Congress for making health care affordable and accessible to all families.

Over the last five decades, Congressman Dingell has written some of the best-known laws protecting our health and our environment, as well as the rights of workers and consumers. One notable example is the 1990 Clean Air Act. He fought for the passage of revolutionary legislation such as the Endangered Species Act; as well as laws that address America's most pressing needs like the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and the Mammography Quality Standards Act.

Congressman Dingell also took a leading role in creating the "Do Not Call" list in 2003 to help families stop unwanted telemarketing and remains vigilant in his pursuit of a "Patients Bill of Rights" which will ensure patients' care is in the hands of doctors, not HMO's and insurance companies.

An avid conservationist and outdoorsman, and senior member on the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, Congressman Dingell successfully passed legislation to create

North America's first international wildlife refuge, protecting thousands of acres of natural habitat in Southeast Michigan and Canada.

At the beginning of every session of Congress, Congressman Dingell introduces the national health insurance bill his father sponsored when he was a Member.

December 13, 2005 will mark Congressman Dingell's 50th anniversary in the US House. Only two other House Members have served as long – Representatives Carl Vinson (GA) and Jamie Whitten (MS).

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ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that the Board of Regents award an honorary Doctorate of Humanities to Ingrid Saunders Jones, senior vice president of The Coca-Cola Company and chairperson of The Coca-Cola Foundation, at the Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005 commencement ceremony.

STAFF SUMMARY:

Ms. Jones' biography follows on the next page.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer

Date

Ingrid Saunders Jones

Ingrid Saunders Jones is senior vice president of The Coca-Cola Company and chairperson of The Coca-Cola Foundation. In her capacity as senior vice president of corporate external affairs, Ms. Jones directs the vision and involvement of The Coca-Cola Company in community, philanthropic and civic affairs.

As chair of The Coca-Cola Foundation, she leads the Company's philanthropic commitment to education. Under her leadership, The Coca-Cola Foundation has contributed more than \$100 million to education including scholarships and programs for students of color in higher education, and initiatives to increase the academic success of students in public and secondary schools.

In addition, Ms. Jones serves on the board of The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, which provides scholarships to high school students from across the country.

A native of Detroit, Ms. Jones earned a bachelor's degree in education at Michigan State University and a master's degree in education at Eastern Michigan University.

A teacher by training, Ms. Jones commitment to education and community development extends beyond the doors of the Coca-Cola corporate headquarters. She chairs the board of directors of the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta and is the immediate past chair of the Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta and the National Black Arts Festival. She also serves as a board member of the Council on Foundations, the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University, the Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation, and the Woodruff Arts Center; and is a member of the downtown Atlanta Rotary Club and the Society of International Business Fellows.

In recognition of her work in the corporate world, as well as her many contributions to civic and community causes, Ms. Jones' was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities Degrees from Michigan State University, the Atlanta College of Art and Morris Brown College in Atlanta.

Recognition of her work and contributions also include the 2001 National Action Network's Keepers of the Dream Award, NAACP - Atlanta Chapter's 1998 Jondelle Johnson Legacy Award; the 1998 "Woman of Achievement" from the YWCA of Greater Atlanta; 1998 "President's Award" from Morehouse College; The Ohio State University Foundation's 1998 John B. Gerlach Development Award; Georgia State University School of Business 1998 "Hall of Fame"; and the NAACP Legal and Education Fund's 1997 "National Equal Justice Award." Ms. Jones serves as vice chair of the Carter Center's Board of Councilors, a leadership advisory group that promotes understanding among opinion leaders and the broader community of The Carter Center and its activities. Ms. Jones was elected to the EMU College of Education Hall of Fame in 2005.