

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Benjamin F. Marsh

Class of 1950

It is indeed an honor and privilege to recognize Benjamin F. Marsh for his remarkable achievements in the public service arena.

At Ohio Wesleyan, Ben was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and majored in Politics and Government. He went on to earn his Doctor of Jurisprudence from George Washington University in 1954. As a product of Ohio Wesleyan's Ben A. Arneson Institute for Practical Politics, his career and life choices have epitomized the Institute's ideals of the importance of citizenship and of creating within each citizen a spirit of public participation and pride.

His far reaching service has encompassed involvement at the local, state, national and international levels. His municipal and local government activities have ranged over the years from serving as solicitor for various municipalities, townships and local governments to serving as president of both the Municipal Attorneys Association of Ohio and the Ohio Municipal League. Currently a partner in the firm of Marsh & McAdam, he also is a trustee for the Corporation for Effective Government, president of the Lucas County Maumee Valley Historical Society and is vice-president of the Maumee Chamber of Commerce.

At the state and national levels, Ben has served as chairman of the Regional Board of Review of the Industrial Commission by Ohio Governor George Voinovich's appointment in 1993, as a member of the Legislative Service commission of Ohio and as Personnel Officer for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. He has also been a member of the Ohio state Dental Board and a trustee for the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo.

Ben's steadfast dedication as a citizen of the United States and the world is best evidenced by the many appointments he has received to represent our country in international affairs. In 1972, President Richard Nixon appointed him as a delegate to the 17th General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, of the UNESCO National Commissions of Africa in Ethiopia. In 1976, President Gerald Ford named Ben special ambassador and representative to the tenth anniversary celebration for the independence of Botswana in Gagarone. From 1990-1994, he served on the U.S. Foreign Claims Settlement Commission upon appointment by President George Bush.

The U.S. Department of State and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe commissioned Ben to travel to Bosnia as a registration supervisor and adjudicator in that country's election process in April of 1997. As part of his duties in Bosnia, he helped set up an office to register voters and also helped educate the people about the meaning of democracy and the importance of voting. He returned to Bosnia in September of 1997 to help finalize the election process and to serve as an election supervisor.

Ben resides in Maumee, Ohio with his wife, Martha, who is also a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan.

With the presentation of this Distinguished Achievement Citation, we applaud Ben Marsh for his selfless contributions to all levels of public service and salute him as an outstanding fellow alumnus of Ohio Wesleyan.

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