

Distinguished Achievement Citation

John Church Renner

Class of 1947

John Renner has served the United States with distinction as a diplomat in many positions of sensitivity and significance, with achievements principally in the areas of economics and international trade.

During a distinguished career as a Foreign service Officer of the Department of State, his assignments included tours of duty in Germany, France and Belgium, as well as the State Department in Washington.

At the time of his retirement from the Foreign Service in September, 1979, Mr. Renner was serving in the White House as Counselor and special envoy for the President. As such he had been involved in the initial negotiations between the United States and China, traveling to Peking as adviser on economic matters to secretary of Treasury Blumenthal's mission.

Earlier responsibilities had included that of Deputy Assistant secretary for International Trade Policy in the Bureau of Economic and Business affairs, Director of the office of International trade, and Counselor to the U.S. Mission to the European Communities in Brussels.

During the mid '70s, Mr. Renner was deputy Ambassador at the U.S. Embassy in Brussels. During this period, he acted as Charge' d'Affaires during the absence of the ambassador.

Upon retirement from the Foreign Service, Mr. Renner joined the Westinghouse Electric Corporation as director of Business Environment Assessment in the Corporate Planning Department.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Ohio Wesleyan, Mr. Renner has a Master's Degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Many family ties to Ohio Wesleyan include his wife, the former Elizabeth Welpton, also class of 1947.

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