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THE HONORABLE CARL LEVIN

AND

THE HONORABLE JOHN WARNER



Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Washington, DC



The BENS Eisenhower Award honors the contributions of public servants and private citizens who safeguard our freedom as well as the balance, as President Eisenhower said in his prophetic farewell address over four decades ago, “between the actions of the moment and the national welfare of the future.” Like the nation’s 34th president, “we want democracy to survive for all generations to come.”



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CELEBRATING
THE HONORABLE CARL LEVIN
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with

remarks by
DAVID BRODER

and

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Wednesday, May 13, 2009
Cocktails 6:30 p.m.
Dinner 7:30 p.m.



The Ritz-Carlton Washington, DC
Grand Ballroom
1150 22nd Street, NW
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Carl Levin

Senator Carl Levin of Michigan was elected to the United States Senate in 1978, and has been reelected five times.

As Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, he spearheaded the successful effort to pass the Dignified Treatment of Wounded Warriors Act to improve medical care and ongoing support for our troops and veterans in 2008. In 2007, he pushed to secure passage of the Acquisition Improvement and Accountability Act, the most far-reaching acquisition reform measure approved by Congress in more than a decade.

He has been an active supporter of improving U.S. security by cooperative threat reduction, including arms control agreements that reduce weapons of mass destruction, and has fought to reduce the threat of proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

Levin has been the recipient of The Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute's Four Freedoms Medal, The National Guard Association of the United States' Harry S. Truman Award for distinguished service in support of national defense, the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award, and the Commander's Cross with the Star of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland.

As a co-chair of the Senate Auto Caucus and the Senate Auto Parts Task Force, he has been a longtime advocate of programs that provide for joint government-industry partnerships in development of advanced vehicle technologies. These efforts led to the growth of the Army's National Automotive Center in Warren, Michigan, which has played an important role in developing advanced technologies for military use, often in conjunction with the private sector.

As the premier investigating subcommittee in the Senate, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations under Levin's leadership has conducted a comprehensive money laundering investigation, which led to the enactment of legislation to detect and stop money laundering and terrorist financing.

Levin was born in 1934 in Detroit. He graduated with honors from Swarthmore College and from Harvard University Law School. He practiced and taught law in Michigan until 1964 when he was appointed an assistant attorney general of Michigan and the first general counsel for the Michigan Civil Rights Commission.

He won election to the Detroit City Council in 1969, becoming its president in 1973.

Carl Levin married Barbara Halpern in 1961. They have three daughters and five grandchildren.

John Warner

John Warner of Virginia was elected to the United States Senate on November 7, 1978, and retired on January 3, 2009, after serving five terms. He was the second-longest serving Senator in Virginia's history.

At the time of his retirement, Senator Warner was the Ranking Member on the Armed Services Committee. He previously served as Chairman of the Committee from 1999-2001 and 2003-2007. He also served on the Environment and Public Works Committee, the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, the Small Business Committee, and the Rules and Administration Committee.

His position as co-chairman of the Nunn-Warner Working Group on Nuclear Risk Reduction helped lead to the September 1987 White House signing of an Executive Agreement establishing nuclear risk reduction centers in Washington and Moscow.

Before entering the Senate, he served as Undersecretary of the Navy from 1969 to 1972, and as Secretary of the Navy from 1972 to 1974.

Warner also carried out special assignments for the U.S. in government-to-government negotiations on military, scientific, economic, educational and cultural matters, giving him a background in national security and foreign affairs.

He was national administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration from 1974 to 1976.

In 1956, he was appointed an assistant U.S. Attorney and served for four years in the trial and appellate divisions. From 1960 to 1969, he was in private law practice.

In 1944, at the age of 17, he left high school to volunteer for the U.S. Navy. He was released from active duty in July 1946 and enrolled at Washington and Lee University, where he earned a degree in basic engineering in 1949. He then entered the University of Virginia Law School. In September 1950, he volunteered for another tour of active duty, this time in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in Korea as a first lieutenant with the First Marine Air Wing.

In 1952, Warner returned to law school and was awarded a law degree by the University of Virginia in 1953.

From 1967 to 1972, he was a trustee of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and from 1968 to 1979 he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Washington and Lee University.

Warner was born Feb. 18, 1927. He is married to the former Jeanne Vander Myde. He has three children and two grandsons.

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Energy and National Security: A BENS Forum



Speakers and Topics

“Energy as National Security: A New Policy Vision for the Nation”

General James L. Jones, USMC (Ret)

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“Carbon-Based Energy: Future Availability, Projected Costs, Global Impact”

A Panel Discussion with

Frederick W. Smith, Chairman and CEO, FedEx Corporation

J. Robinson West, Chairman, Founder & CEO, PFC Energy

Lynn R. Coleman, Retired Partner, Skadden Arps, Moderator

“Alternatives, Renewables & Conservation:

The Prospects for Solar, Wind, Hydro, Nuclear and Biomass”

*Dr. John P. Holdren**

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“Changing Public Attitudes Toward Energy and Climate Change”

James Clifton

Chairman and CEO, The Gallup Organization

“DoD and Energy: Prospects for Efficiency”

The Honorable William J. Lynn, III

Deputy Secretary of Defense

“Energy: A National Strategy”

*The Honorable Steven Chu, Ph.D.**

Secretary of Energy



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8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Business Executives for National Security



For over a quarter century, Business Executives for National Security has been the primary channel through which American business leaders can contribute their special experience and talent to help build a more secure nation.

Founded in 1982 by business executive and entrepreneur Stanley A. Weiss, BENS is guided by the simple notion that America's security is everybody's business. Led by President and CEO General Charles G. Boyd, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), and Board Chairman and real estate executive Joseph E. Robert, Jr., BENS is a highly respected national, nonpartisan organization of senior executives dedicated to enhancing our national security using the successful models of the private sector.

Innovative business-government partnerships that BENS fostered over two decades to help save the Defense Department billions of dollars are now ready to help meet new challenges of the 21st Century. BENS is growing these public-private partnerships into all aspects of homeland security – helping to guard against cyber attack, tracking terrorists' financial assets, securing the nation's ports, and preparing state and local governments to deal with catastrophic events or terrorist attacks.

Recognizing that the nation will never fully realize the efficient, agile military it needs to win a global war on terrorism without an equally efficient and agile support structure, BENS remains a tireless advocate for smarter spending at the Pentagon.

Now more than ever, Business Executives for National Security is working, as President Eisenhower said, "so that security and liberty may prosper together."

What's New in 2009



ACQUISITION REFORM: A BENS task force is reviewing and recommending systemic reforms to the \$150-billion-a-year defense acquisition system.

AMERICAN HEROES: BENS is taking the lead in creating a user-friendly database of critical information about resources that help wounded veterans reenter civilian life.

BUSINESS RESPONSE TASK FORCE II: BENS will assess progress made over the past two years toward the integration of the private sector into disaster response and relief capabilities.

SECRET SERVICE PERSONNEL: A BENS review panel is assessing the Secret Service's retirement and pension system to help it retain its uniquely skilled workforce.

BENS projects already in progress are...

IMPROVING DISASTER RESPONSE by working with FEMA to facilitate private sector assistance during disasters.

STRENGTHENING HOMELAND SECURITY by championing public-private partnerships between companies and communities.

ADVISING MILITARY COMMANDERS on a host of challenges, from managing global enterprises to recruitment and retention.

COMBATING TERRORIST FINANCING by working with government partners to strengthen the U.S. financial system.

STRENGTHENING CYBER SECURITY by bringing together leaders from government and the private sector to assess and reduce risks.

Our Record: Decades of Results



For more than a quarter century, BENS has helped to build a more secure and resilient America by...

REFORMING THE BUSINESS OF DEFENSE with best business practices that streamline the Pentagon bureaucracy, cut waste, and save hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars.

PROTECTING THE HOMELAND by championing public-private partnerships in which companies volunteer to help their communities and states prepare for and recover from disasters.

CLOSING OLD BASES AND CREATING NEW JOBS by helping take the politics out of base closure, freeing up billions of dollars for military readiness and modernization, and then helping nearby communities create new businesses and jobs.

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TRACKING TERRORIST MONEY by bringing together leaders from government and the financial services industry to update U.S. efforts to track down and cut off suspicious financial activities that fund terrorism.

SECURING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION by championing the control and destruction of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons in the former Soviet Union that might otherwise fall into the hands of terrorists.

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