

1987 DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN DINNER
CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
INTRODUCTION OF JAMES A. LOVELL JR.
R. M. MORROW*

THANK YOU, JOHN. (MADIGAN)

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TONIGHT TO HELP PAY TRIBUTE TO AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN LIKE FRANK CONSIDINE. THE OLD ADAGE, "BEHIND EVERY GREAT MAN THERE'S A GREAT WOMAN," COULDN'T BE MORE APPROPRIATE THAN TONIGHT.

NANCY CONSIDINE, PLEASE ACCEPT THESE FLOWERS FROM THE SCOUTS AS OUR WAY OF THANKING YOU FOR THE LOVE AND SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN FRANK. YOU SURELY DESERVE TO SHARE IN THIS AWARD.

(SCOUTS PRESENT FLOWERS TO MRS. NANCY CONSIDINE)

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(RMM INTRODUCES ASTRONAUT JAMES A. LOVELL JR.)

OUR VERY SPECIAL SPEAKER THIS EVENING NOW MAKES HIS HOME IN CHICAGO, AS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF CENTEL CORPORATION. BUT THERE WAS A TIME WHEN HE CAME INTO THE HOMES OF EVERY AMERICAN. EACH OF US REMEMBERS HOW WE MARVELED AT THE COURAGE AND DEDICATION OF THE MEN WHO LED HUMAN CIVILIZATION THROUGH THE REACHES OF SPACE.

ASTRONAUT JAMES LOVELL WON THE HEARTS OF ALL AMERICANS WHEN HE SERVED AS COMMAND MODULE COMMANDER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE EPIC 6-DAY JOURNEY OF APOLLO 8 -- MAN'S MAIDEN VOYAGE TO THE MOON.

WITH HIS FELLOW CREWMEN -- FRANK BORMAN AND WILLIAM ANDERS -- JIM LOVELL BECAME THE FIRST HUMAN TO LEAVE THE EARTH'S GRAVITY. HE COMPLETED HIS FOURTH MISSION AS THE COMMANDER OF THE APOLLO 13 FLIGHT, AND WAS THE FIRST MAN TO JOURNEY TWICE TO THE MOON.

IN PRIVATE LIFE, CAPTAIN LOVELL HAS SERVED BOTH PRESIDENTS JOHNSON AND NIXON AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PHYSICAL FITNESS COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES. HIS NUMEROUS OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE SERVING AS A TRUSTEE OF THE NATIONAL SPACE INSTITUTE AND AN ASSOCIATE FELLOW OF THE SOCIETY OF EXPERIMENTAL TEST PILOTS.

AMONG THE MANY HONORS CONFERRED ON HIM ARE THE NATION'S HIGHEST CIVILIAN AWARD, THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM, AS WELL AS THE NAVY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL, AND TWO NAVY DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSSES.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING ASTRONAUT AND EAGLE SCOUT JIM LOVELL.

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