

REMARKS: THANK YOU FOR DISTINGUISHED MSU ALUMNI AWARD
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HEARTFELT THANKS FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS AND DISTINCTIVE ADDITION
TO WHAT I HUMOROUSLY TERM MY PRE-POSTHUMOUS AWARDS.

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD MY STANDARD STATEMENT FOR CREDITING MY
AWARDS TO THE DISTINCTION OF SURVIVING TO AN ADVANCED AGE. WHEN
YOU ADVANCE FROM THE "GOLDEN YEARS" TO THE VERY SENIOR "PLATINUM
YEARS" YOU BECOME VENERABLE. WITH VENERABILITY YOU RECEIVE CREDIT
FOR VIRTUES YOU NEVER HAD AND I'M GRATEFUL.

BUT THIS AWARD TONIGHT IS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT
COMES FROM MY CHERISHED ALMA MATER. YOU WILL HEAR MORE ABOUT
APPRECIATING MY MSU COLLEGE EXPERIENCE IN MY COMMENCEMENT DAY
REMARKS TODAY.

FOR NOW I'LL JUST SAY THANKS AGAIN FOR ADDING SUCH A
MEANINGFUL MSU AWARD TO MY LIFETIME TREASURED EXPERIENCES. I AM
ESPECIALLY HONORED AND PLEASED AND I LIKE TO THINK THAT OUR FORMER
LEGENDARY MSU PRESIDENT, DR. JOHN HANNAH, AND MY FORMER MSU
JOURNALISM PROFESSOR, DR. ALBERT NELSON, UP THERE SOMEWHERE ARE
PLEASED TOO.

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