

RICHARD G. LUGAR ***DENISON '54***

Washington, DC, April 1, 2005 — Senator Richard G. Lugar, *Denison '54*, was presented with the Francis Wayland Shepardson award during a special reception held in conjunction with the North-American Interfraternity Conference's annual Congressional Reception in Washington, DC, April 1.

Lugar, Indiana's senior United States Senator, is the Fraternity's official spokesman for the *Men of Principle* initiative. The Initiative, implemented in 1998, renews the values Beta Theta Pi was founded upon, and is considered the front-runner for development and implementation of innovative education and leadership development programming for the betterment of the Greek experience.

Senator Lugar is also the honorary chairman of *Upon These Principles: a Campaign for Every Beta*, the General Fraternity's ongoing capital campaign, which has raised more than \$8.5 million toward its \$15 million goal. In 2001, he was awarded the North-American Interfraternity Conference's Silver Medal. This fifth generation Hoosier is the longest serving U.S. Senator in Indiana history. He is the chairman of the Foreign Relations committee and a member and former chairman of the Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry committee. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1976 and won a fifth term in 2000, his third consecutive victory by a two-thirds majority.

Lugar graduated first in his class at both Shortridge High School in Indianapolis and at Denison University in Granville, Ohio. He attended Pembroke College at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, studying politics, philosophy and economics. Lugar manages his family's 604-acre Marion County corn, soybean and tree farm. Before entering public life, he helped manage with his brother Tom, the family's food machinery manufacturing business in Indianapolis.

As the two-term mayor of Indianapolis (1968-75), he envisioned the unification of the city and surrounding Marion County into one government. Unigov, as Lugar's plan was called, set the city on a path of uninterrupted economic growth. As mayor, Lugar served three terms on the U.S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, including two terms as the vice-chair of the Commission, and served as president of the National League of Cities.

Senator Lugar has been a leader in reducing the threat of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. In 1991, he forged a bipartisan partnership with then-Senate Armed Services Chairman, Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), to destroy these weapons of mass destruction in the former Soviet Union. To date, the Nunn-Lugar program has deactivated over 6,300 nuclear warheads that were once aimed at the United States.

Lugar has promoted policies that spur economic growth, cut taxes, lead to job creation, eliminate wasteful government spending and reduce bureaucratic red tape for American businesses. His Hoosier commonsense has been recognized many times including such awards as Guardian of Small Business, the Spirit of Enterprise, Watchdog of the Treasury, and 38 honorary doctorate degrees from colleges and universities in 13 states and the District of Columbia. He was the fourth person ever named Outstanding Legislator by the American Political Science Association.

Lugar and his wife, Charlene, were married September 8, 1956, and have four sons and nine grandchildren.