

Hundreds Celebrate Ambassador Sauerbrey at Honorary Dinner

COLUMBIA, Md., Nov. 11, 2015 – Ambassador Ellen R. Sauerbrey was honored for her distinguished career on Friday, November 6 at a dinner by Maryland Business for Responsive Government (MBRG).

215 people attended the dinner at Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center in Ellicott City, Maryland. Sauerbrey, MBRG's Chair Emeritus, received support and admiration from individuals from all over the state.

The evening began with a citation presentation by Secretary Kelly Schultz on behalf of Governor Larry Hogan. Sauerbrey also received citations from the Maryland House of Representatives, the Congress of the United States, Congressman Andy Harris, Dr. Condoleezza Rice, and President George W. Bush.

Sauerbrey was also presented with a special video salute created by Tojo Productions and an endowed scholarship in her name at her alma matter, McDaniel College. The Ellen R. Sauerbrey Leadership Scholarship will be awarded each year to a McDaniel student based on criteria to be determined by Ambassador Sauerbrey. The scholarship is currently endowed at \$29,000. Anyone interested in contributing to the endowment can contact Elizabeth Anderson in McDaniel's Office of Institutional Advancement at eanderson@mcdaniel.edu or 410-857-2792.

"Putting together the video salute to Ambassador Sauerbrey was a true honor. So many people hold Ellen Sauerbrey in high regard and it was great to hear their stories of how she inspired them," said Duane Carey, MBRG President.

To conclude the dinner, Sauerbrey delivered a moving speech citing early lessons on the importance of property rights as the foundation for freedom anywhere in the world. She talked about visiting East and West Germany as a young woman just out of college who was not politically astute. But the stark reality of the oppression on the east side of the Berlin Wall juxtaposed with the burgeoning economy on the west taught her more about the dangers of stifling governmental control than she could ever have learned in college.

"All freedom is derived from basic rights of private property," said Sauerbrey, who received many standing ovations as she delivered her rousing speech sans notes.

Photos from the event are available here:

<https://bittnerphotography.smugmug.com/Corporate/MBRGEllen-Sauerbrey>

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