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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are assembled here tonight to evaluate the character, the services and accomplishments of a colleague, a doctor, a friend and outstanding member of the community - our guest of honor, Dr. I. W. Held.

In evaluating his services, we can only come to one conclusion; that he deserves all the honors within the gift of the community.

I never believed in waiting to evaluate a man's life until after his death because the then 'guest of honor' cannot hear - the family mourns - the friends suffer and the community is sad. In evaluating a man's life while he is alive, makes the guest of honor feel the appreciation of his fellow-men - makes the family proud - the friends happy and the public inspired.

It is my privilege to preside at this affair, because I know of very few men who deserve to be honored more than Dr. Held. The community would have had a great celebration in connection with this affair, but it was thought inadvisable at present, due to the death of two men who were very close to Dr. Held - Dr. Rothschild and Judge Rosalsky, and this celebration by the community will be postponed until a later date, when many organizations and friends will have an opportunity to express their appreciation of Dr. Held.

As a physician, Dr. Held is one of the outstanding members of the profession - a clinician of rare ability, who combines his clinical knowledge with his scientific knowledge.

As a colleague, very few people have been as true and as loyal to their fellow physicians as Dr. Held is. If there would be such a thing as paying in money for the services ~~of~~ Dr. Held renders to physicians and their families, many deficits of many institutions would be paid.

The number of physicians who have been inspired and aided by Dr. Held, the great number who have been given their first start in their medical careers, are known to many of us.

As a friend, I can only say that they do not come like him.

As a member of the community, I am in a position to know that there are few men to my knowledge, and I don't care how rich they are nor how charitable they are, who can compare with Dr. Held's philanthropies. I dare say, without fear of contradiction, that in proportion, he is the greatest 'giver' among us.

I am in a peculiar position; I am a layman among doctors and I am a doctor among laymen. On the Board of Directors, I represent the Medical Board and on the Medical Board, I represent the Board of Directors. I take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors for this wonderful act, which is very rarely done - the recognition of a doctor's services to an institution, during his lifetime.