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Ninth District Congressman Lee H. Hamilton, a former Evansville resident who is senior member of the Indiana Congressional delegation, will bring the 1989 Commencement address on Saturday, May 13, at the University of Southern Indiana.

Congressman Hamilton also will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree in recognition of his many achievements in public service. Other honorary degrees will be conferred on D. Mead Johnson, former president and chairman of the board of Mead Johnson & Company, and Carolyn S. Georgette, manager of residence services in Evansville for Indiana Bell Telephone Company.

Congressman Hamilton has represented the Ninth District since 1965 and has achieved a distinguished record in Congress, particularly with Constitutional issues. He is the ranking member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and chairman of its Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East. He gained national acclaim several months ago with his able chairmanship of the Select Committee to Investigate Covert Arms Transactions with Iran.

The Congressman also is chairman of the Joint Economic Committee and its Subcommittee on Economic Goals and Intergovernmental Policy; a member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology; former chairman of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; former member of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee and Standards of Official Conduct Committee; and vice president of the Congressional Delegation to the U. S. Group of the Interparliamentary Union.

Hamilton, who lived in Evansville while his father was pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, was graduated in 1948 from the old Central High School in downtown Evansville. A star basketball player, he received the 1948 Trester Award and in 1982, was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. He is an honor graduate of DePauw University, attended Goethe University (1952-53) in Frankfurt, Germany, and received a J.D. degree in 1956 from Indiana University School of Law.

He and his wife, the former Nancy Ann Nelson, have three children. His other honors have included the Central Intelligence Agency
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Medallion (1988); Defense Intelligence Agency Medallion (1987); Depauw University McNaughton Medal for Public Service (1987); Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (1985); Knight of the French Legion of Honor (1984); and the Depauw University Outstanding Senior (1952).

A Doctor of Laws degree will be conferred on D. Mead Johnson in recognition of his achievements and his prominent role in bringing higher education to southern Indiana. He is the grandson of Edward Mead Johnson, Sr., founder of Mead Johnson Company. D. Mead Johnson joined the company in 1936 as a sales representative in New York City. He came into the home office in 1938 and was named a director of the company. In 1949, he was named vice president for sales and advertising and held other vice presidencies prior to being elected president on April 7, 1955. He moved to Palm Beach, Florida, in 1968 and lives in retirement.

Active in civic affairs, Johnson encouraged a spirit of voluntarism among his employees which has aided community progress for many years. Johnson also has been a director of Indiana Bell Telephone Company and Mutual of Omaha and United of Omaha Insurancy companies, and a member of the Board of Directors of Johns Hopkins University. He was an honor graduate of Tennessee Military Institute (1932) and Johns Hopkins University (1936), and was elected to Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honorary. He also received the Carlyle Barton Award as an outstanding college student.

The University also will confer a Doctor of Laws degree on Mrs. Georgette, a business and civic leader who has shared her managerial skills with numerous nonprofit organizations in the community. She was a member of the Board of Incorporators for a Separate State University in Southwestern Indiana and remains a member of the Southern Indiana Higher Education board.

An Evansville native, Mrs. Georgette joined Indiana Bell in 1954 as a teller and worked her way up to the top managerial post in Evansville. She has been a board member and president of the Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce, United Way, and Junior Achievement of Southwestern Indiana, and a member of the board of St. Mary's Medical Center Foundation. She was chairman of the Center City Development Committee that helped to create Evansville's Downtown master plan and also was a member of the Evansville Progress Committee.

Mrs. Georgette is a 1953 graduate of Reitz High School and attended Lockyear's Business College. She was a member of the board of ANEW (A Network of Evansville Women) from 1981 to 1988 and received its first annual ANEW Achievement Award. Other honors have included the Indiana Jefferson Award (1986); Iota Sigma Chapter, Delta Sigma Pi Award for Professionalism in Community and Commerce (1985); the Salvation Army's "Others Award" in 1984; and the American Business Women's Association "Woman of the Year" award.