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DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

Dr. Walter D. Keller received the Distinguished Member Award at the Annual Clay Minerals Conference at Rapid City, South Dakota, August 10, 1971. The following is part of a citation read by John F. Burst, of General Refractories Company.

Walter D. Keller is a big man; big in stature; as you know, big in mind; and from my experience, big in the ethical values which men recognize as true measures of an outstanding man: Honesty, forthrightness, temperance, industriousness, modesty, loyalty, and most every other positive adjective which an ethical measure would allow.

Walter Keller is a genuine pioneer of Clay Science, and a charter member of the Clay Minerals Society. He has published through portions of the contributing age of every modern clay scientist, and should your son or daughter one day approach the speaker's stand of the Clay Minerals Society, I have no doubt that they will have to battle Walter Keller for the microphone. Starting in 1929 with his first publication, Walter Keller is credited with 131 major literature citations covering a disciplinary spectrum from general geology to infrared spectroscopy; and as those of you who attended this morning's session know, the list could be nowhere near complete, nor is it in any sense completed. The intellectual legacy which a personal bibliography of 131 citations engenders is of epic dimension; and it can be truly said, that this fertile mind, has in itself endowed our nation with a sizeable university at which you, I, and hundreds like us throughout the world are privileged to attend.

Walter Keller, born with the century (March 1900), is truly a 20th Century Man. Combining the rigid principles of the strict midwestern culture into which he was born, with advanced education, the 20th Century American Dream, and retaining the perpetual sensitivity and empathy of a man at peace with God and man, Walter Keller projects an impressive shadow on today's world stage of plastic heroes. Honors, he has many; Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, a series of distinguished lecture assignments, the Neil Minor Award as the No. 1 practitioner of his profession, and the University of Missouri Alumni Distinguished Faculty Member Award. Little known, but almost overwhelming in significance, is this 1969 award, for which he was chosen by the students of his University, as their most distinguished teacher. Students, these days, are not widely known for the recognition of talent in the older generation. Perhaps Walter Keller has closed the generation gap—or, perhaps his intellect is so flexible and his contributions so timely, that he has lapped it.

We are indeed fortunate to have such a man as a member of our Society.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Distinguished Scholars: One of the most rewarding experiences of my life is to now proclaim that—in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of Clay Mineral Science, The Clay Minerals Society, with admiration and gratitude, confers upon Walter David Keller, the extraordinary rank of distinguished Member.