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Sen. Carl Levin to Deliver LCC Commencement Address May 20

LANSING, MI – U.S. Senator Carl Levin – a long-time supporter of education, the influential chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the longest serving Michigan senator in history – will deliver Lansing Community College’s commencement address on Friday, May 20 at 7 p.m.

“We are very honored that a man of Senator Levin’s stature accepted our invitation to deliver the speech that I’m sure will be a memorable one for our students, faculty and parents,” said LCC President Brent Knight. “Senator Levin has established a reputation in Washington as a principled leader with unquestioned integrity.”

Given his expertise on military matters, Levin’s face pops up regularly on Sunday morning TV talk shows to address such topics as war, national defense and preparedness, and homeland security. Levin is also the chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations – the premiere investigative arm of the Senate –where his panel has tackled major issues of the day including Wall Street and the financial crisis, questionable credit card practices and the root causes and potential solutions to soaring oil and natural gas prices.

First elected to a six-year term in the U.S. Senate in 1978, Levin has been reelected five times by Michigan voters – the most recent was in 2008 when he captured 63 percent of the statewide vote. *TIME Magazine* named him one of “America’s 10 Best Senators.”

Levin is a product of his native Detroit public schools and he graduated from Swarthmore College (1956), a small, liberal arts institution located outside of Philadelphia. He earned a degree from Harvard Law School in 1959.

Levin served on the Detroit City Council (1969-77) where he was president of the body for his final four years. He previously served as special counsel for the Michigan Civil Rights Commission.

The Levin family has long been active in Michigan political and judicial circles. Carl's older brother, Sander, has represented Oakland County constituents in the U.S. House since 1983. Their uncle, Theodore Levin, was a chief judge of the U .S. District Court for Eastern Michigan. Their first cousin, Charles Levin, was a justice on the Michigan Supreme Court.

Lansing Community College's commencement will take place at the Breslin Center, Michigan State University.

About Lansing Community College

Lansing Community College is Michigan's third largest community college with more than 30,000 students attending each year. LCC offers courses in general education for those interested in transferring to a four-year institution, career and workforce development, developmental education and personal enrichment. To meet the professional development and training needs of regional employees, the college offers customized programs for credit, non-credit and continuing education. The University Center at LCC offers students the opportunity to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from six partner universities on the downtown LCC campus. For more information, visit lcc.edu.