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PRESENTATION BY DR. DAVID LEE, CHAIR OF THE CALTECH BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TO DR. EDWARD STOLPER

I have a special presentation to make at this time.

Ed, will you please join me?

As you know, Dr. Edward Stolper has concurrently served Caltech as provost and interim president this year. This is in addition to being a professor of geology (yes, he taught a class!) and a practicing geochemist (yes, he published papers!).

The role of interim president is one he did not seek, and it brought responsibility that he never anticipated would fall on his shoulders. Yet Dr. Stolper accepted this additional service to the Institute because of his deep and abiding commitment to Caltech's mission, and it is with great distinction that he performed his duties this year.



Those of us who work closely with Ed know that—in addition to being an extraordinary scientist—he is a thoughtful and dedicated leader who is committed to the well-being of the Institute and its people. He generously employs his intellectual power, his inherent management skills, his financial and scientific acumen, and his innate curiosity to ensure that Caltech's students, staff, and faculty succeed in their pursuit of the audacious science and technology pioneered here, and Caltech is better for it.

We end this year in a stronger position than we started, and Ed, nobody could have done this but you.

Therefore, it is my great pleasure to present Dr. Stolper with a resolution of appreciation, adopted just this morning by the Caltech Board of Trustees, thanking him for his distinguished service and expressing our profound appreciation. Ed, we commend you for your dedication, and we honor the many contributions that you have made to the Institute—this year, and in the thirty-four before them—as interim president, provost, division chair, faculty member, professor, mentor, and friend. You serve both the mission and the people of Caltech with integrity, and you continue to bring honor to the Institute.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please join me in thanking Ed Stolper, Caltech's interim president.