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The Michigan Chapter of the
American Constitution Society presents its

SECOND ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Keynote Speaker:

U.S. Senator Carl Levin

and

Milliken Award Honoree:

Congressman John Conyers, Jr.

Saturday, January 19, 2008

6:30 p.m. - cocktails

7:30 p.m. - dinner

The Westin Southfield

Program

Opening Remarks:

Michael L. Pitt
Annual Dinner Chair

Lisa Brown
Executive Director, American Constitution Society

Hon. Jessica R. Cooper
Immediate Past President, Michigan Chapter

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*Presentation of Milliken Award:*

**Michael Lee**  
President Elect, Michigan Chapter

*Honoree:*  
**Congressman John Conyers, Jr.**

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Recognition of Past President:

Thomas J. Tallerico
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*Introduction of Keynote Speaker:*

**Thomas J. Tallerico**

*Keynote Address:*

**U.S. Senator Carl Levin**

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Closing Remarks:

Michael L. Pitt

U.S. Senator Carl Levin



Senator Levin is perhaps best known for his efforts to make our government both more efficient and more ethical. He authored the Competition in Contracting Act, which has led to significant reductions in federal procurement costs. His Whistleblower Protection Act protects federal employees who expose wasteful practices. Senator Levin also helped author the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights, which protects individuals and small businesses from IRS harassment. He was the principal author of the Ethics Reform Act in 1989, which simplified and strengthened ethics requirements for the legislative and executive branches of government and prohibited members of Congress from accepting honoraria from special interests. He has never accepted honoraria from special interests, and in 1995 he persuaded the Senate to adopt a strong ban on gifts to senators and paid trips. Senator Levin was elected to the Senate in 1978, when he won an upset victory over the number two Republican in the U.S. Senate. He was reelected in 1984, 1990, 1996 and 2002.

Congressman John Conyers, Jr.



Having first been elected to the House of Representatives in 1964, Representative John Conyers, Jr., is the second most senior member in the House of Representatives. After serving as Chairman of the House Committee on Government Operations (now renamed Government Reform) from 1989 until 1994, Congressman Conyers was elected by his congressional colleagues to lead, as Chairman, the pivotal House Committee on the Judiciary. In addition to its oversight of the Department of Justice (including the FBI) and the Federal Courts, the Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction over copyright, constitutional, consumer protection and civil rights issues. Some of Congressman Conyers' major legislative accomplishments include the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, the Motor Voter Bill of 1993, the Martin Luther King Holiday Act of 1983, the Alcohol Warning Label Act of 1988 and the Jazz Preservation Act of 1987. Congressman Conyers was also the driving force behind the Help America Vote Act of 2002. In November 2006, Mr. Conyers was re-elected to his 21st term in the U.S. House of Representatives.