The Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany

The Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany was instituted by Federal President Theodor Heuss in 1951. It is the highest tribute the Federal Republic of Germany pays to individuals for services to the nation or contributions to enhancing Germany's standing abroad and its relations with other countries. The Order of Merit may be awarded to Germans as well as to foreign citizens for achievements in the political, economic, social, or intellectual spheres and for outstanding service to the nation in the field of social, charitable, or philanthropic work. In awarding the Order of Merit, the Federal President wishes to draw public attention to achievements that he believes are of particular value to society in general. In Germany, the bestowal ceremony is held by the minister-president of a federal state, by a state or federal minister, by a regional commissioner, or by the mayor of a city. The Federal President may personally present the award on occasions such as the Day of German Unity, Germany's national holiday. If the person receiving the award lives abroad, it is customary for the respective German head of mission to present the Order of Merit on behalf of the President of the Federal Republic of Germany. In the United States, this would be the German Ambassador or the German Consul General in whose district the awarde lives.



The Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany To the Six New England States,

DR. RALF HORLEMANN,

REQUESTS THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY

AT A RECEPTION On the occasion of the

BESTOWING OF THE ORDER OF MERIT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

ON

PROFESSOR KRISHNA WINSTON

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