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Greeting Governor Otis Bowen on behalf of the educational institutions of Indiana is like introducing Papa Halas to the Chicago Bears. Doc Bowen's whole educational experience is centered on Indiana and its educational institutions.

Doc Bowen received his initial degree in Chemistry from Indiana University in 1939. His medical degree from Indiana came later in 1942, followed by military service.

Educational recognition is measured in honorary degrees. I have the world's record in this regard, but I think Doc Bowen has the record for honorary degrees from Indiana institutions of higher learning. Doc has 16 honorary doctorates from Indiana institutions, including Notre Dame.

Doc Bowen interned at Memorial Hospital in South Bend during 1942-43. His practice of family medicine in Bremen, Indiana, is the core of his life, 1946-72, although he served in multitudinous roles in the Indiana Legislature during this period, and Governor of our State as well.

He returned to his Alma Mater on the faculty as Professor of Family Medicine since 1976. From here, he became the chief medical officer of the United States, a task for which I was happy to recommend him most highly.

In the interim years, he served Vincennes University, honorary director of the Center for Public Service at Anderson College, and Trustee for Ancilla and Valparaiso University.

What more can one say. He is one of our own. We claim him. We love him. We loan him temporarily to the whole country

for a few years. He will serve superbly in that role and make all of us very proud. But then, thank God, he will be home in Indiana again, as he has ever been for all his life. Welcome back Doc. We in the Indiana educational community are more proud of you than we can say. I leave it at that. God bless you.

If any priority is in fact his true Number One, it seems to be this: getting to the root causes of excess infant mortality by helping rebuild solid families. How? By "stimulating parents, community leaders, teachers and preachers" to "change attitudes"; by getting people to "think about morality"; by "reducing the emphasis in all media on sex, violence and pornography," and by "emphasizing the responsibility of the young," including young men, to "think beforehand if they can't take care of a family," rather than thinking "that having a baby at 14 is great."

He knows this is "a tall order." He knows it involves attacking poverty, too.

But he sees doing something about the problem of too many weak, underweight babies with poor prospects for life or normal development as a realistically "possible" start. "I'd like to have an impact on that in the time that I'm here," he says.

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