

**Dewhurst Laudatio for Mr Rex Tillerson at the 22nd WPC
by the President of the World Petroleum Council,
Dr. Jozsef Toth**

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It is my great honour this evening to recognise Mr. Rex Tillerson, US Secretary of State, and former Chairman and CEO of EXXON MOBIL with the Dewhurst Award of the World Petroleum Council.

The Award was named after the founder of the World Petroleum Congress, Thomas Dewhurst, and it is only the 10th time during the entire history of our organization that this award is being bestowed to an individual for their outstanding contribution to the oil and gas industry.

Born in Texas, Mr. Tillerson is a man with oil in his veins. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering at the University of Texas before joining Exxon Company in 1975 as a production engineer, spending his early days with the company exploring and developing new resources out in the oil fields. In 1989 he became general manager of Exxon's central production division. His responsibilities soon expanded to a global scale, as he was assigned to operations in Yemen and in Thailand in 1995. Three years later he was named vice president of Exxon Ventures Inc. and president of Exxon Neftegas Ltd, giving him oversight of the company's Russian holdings. Following Exxon's merger with Mobil, Tillerson became senior vice president in 2001. He was elected president and a member of the board of directors in 2004 and completed his rise to the top by taking over as chairman and chief executive of ExxonMobil in 2006. Secretary Tillerson is a former member of the American

Petroleum Institute and the National Petroleum Council and was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2013.

It is interesting to note, that Secretary Tillerson has a longstanding involvement with the Boy Scouts of America. He is a former member their Executive Committee and served as the National President of the Boy Scouts from 2010-2012. Despite a busy career leading ExxonMobil with its 80.00 employees, Tillerson has remained a devoted advocate of Scouting throughout his professional life and he has taken some of his leadership inspiration from that experience.

As you might know, there is the Scout law that all scouts are expected to follow. It says:

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly courteous, kind obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

Rex Tillerson has certainly taken the mantra of the organization to heart: BE PREPARED

Last December, when selecting Mr Tillerson as Secretary of State President Trump said: Rex Tillerson is one of the truly great business leaders of the world. He was chosen as a man with pragmatism and his willingness to accept change.

So I believe the Award is going to a most deserving individual and a leader who has significantly shaped our industry over the many years he has been involved.

Congratulations Your Excellency. It is my honour now to present you with the WPC's Dewhurst Award.