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Leon “Lee” Holt, L’51 retired as vice chairman and chief administrative officer of Air Products and Chemicals Inc. in 1990. A member of the board of directors and chairman of the Air Products Foundation, Mr. Holt had been with Air Products for 33 years. Previously, he practiced law with the Wall Street firm of Mudge, Stern, Williams & Tucker and with American Oil Co.

Mr. Holt is a member of the advisory board of the Institute for Law and Economics at Penn Law School and served on the board of overseers for nearly a decade. He also serves on the board of trustees of the Committee for Economic Development. Among his community activities, Mr. Holt is a trustee of The Rider-Pool Foundation and the Holt Family Foundation, as well as a member of the board of trustees of the Allentown Art Museum, for which he served as president from 1988 to 1992. He is a former trustee and chair of the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust, and a former member of the board of trustees of the Pennsylvania Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Mr. Holt earned a B.S. in materials science and engineering from Lehigh University in 1948.

June Weidner Holt was a founding member of the Society of the Arts of the Allentown Art Museum. She served on the boards of United Way,YWCA, Wiley House (now KidsPeace), Lehigh Valley Hospice, and Sacred Heart Hospital. She and Mr. Holt were active in the formation of Lehigh Valley Hospital. Mrs. Holt, who received her AB from Cornell University in 1947, worked for Western Electric, RCA Victor, and Cohn Hall Marx. The Holts have two children and five grandchildren.

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Jane Harman resigned from Congress February 28, 2011 to join the Woodrow Wilson Center as its first female President, Director, and CEO.

Representing the aerospace center of California during nine terms in Congress, she served on all the major security committees: six years on Armed Services, eight years on Intelligence, and four on Homeland Security. She has made numerous Congressional fact-finding missions to hotspots around the world including North Korea, Syria, Libya, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, and Guantanamo Bay to assess threats against the U.S.

During her long public career, Harman has been recognized as a national expert at the nexus of security and public policy issues. She received the Defense Department Medal for Distinguished Service in 1998, the CIA Seal Medal in 2007, and the CIA Director’s Award and the National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal in 2011. She is a member of the Defense Policy Board, State Department Foreign Policy Board, CIA External Advisory Board, the Director of National Intelligence’s Senior Advisory Group, and is a Trustee of the Aspen Institute and the University of Southern California.

A product of Los Angeles public schools, Harman is a magna cum laude graduate of Smith College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and Harvard Law School. Prior to serving in Congress, she was a top aide in the United States Senate, Deputy Cabinet Secretary to President Jimmy Carter, Special Counsel to the Department of Defense, and in private law practice.

Married for over three decades to Sidney Harman, founder and Chairman Emeritus of Harman International Industries and Chairman of Newsweek magazine, she has four adult children and four grandchildren. Sidney Harman died in April 2011.