

Overrækkelse af Niels Ebbesen Medaljen 8, March 2014

ERNEST HEMINGWAY: THE WORLD IS A BEAUTYFUL PLACE AND WORTH FIGHTING FOR.

Your grandfather fought for the world, he joined the Minnesota National Guard, after emigrating from Åle in Jylland i 1910, and fought in Europe as a member of U.S. Forces in world war 1, and your farther and his brothers also fought with arms on the Allied side in world war 2.

You fight with WORDS !!! I have read og heard your official speeches, right from your "Statement of Laurie S. Fulton Ambassador Disignate to Denmark" before the U.S. Senate Committee to your farewell speech here at "Rydhave" with the goals you have set as benchmarks, and you have achieved them all one by one.

You are personified by your view, also as ambassador, and dos'nt praise materialism and are characterized by your well-informed outlook and tolerance facing life's countless manifolds. You are essential, always present in every detail, you are not bound by the framework agreements but have an enormous width. You inform and prepare you for any situation.

Finally there is a long history of good relations between USA and Denmark, characterized by confidence and the belief in commitment and democracy, with the presentation of the Niels Ebbesen Medal, we would like to thank former ambassador Laurie S. Fulton, but also USA for the good, warm an true freindship between our two countries.

Speech written by Franz Strehle