Honoring Avery Friedman

It was Avery Friedman's night all the way at Ursuline College, where the charismatic, nationally known civil rights attorney was lauded and applauded for his years of dynamic service as a visiting professor of constitutional law. There was a brief video with cheers from his colleagues at WKYC Channel 3 and CNN, for which he is a legal analyst, followed by a program emceed by Friedman's best buddy Larry Morrow. Ursuline College president Sr. Diana Stano praised Friedman's impact, effusing, "His students have regarded him as both an intellectual and moral model of the good that can be done through the law." Sr. Stano also announced that the event had generated $50,000, and she presented Friedman with a distinctive bronze plaque with his image that will grace a wall in the college.

Friedman responded as only he can: with warmth and humor, as his family including wife Betsey; two accomplished daughters and sons-in-law Erika Friedman and Jon Leikin and Dr. Jorey Friedman-Beegun and Scott Beegun, son Tyler, and oldest grandson kvelled from a nearby table.