Carl Levin, the longest serving United States Senator in Michigan history (1978-2015), built an extraordinary record of advancing civil rights and economic fairness, improving the medical care and lives of veterans, preserving and creating jobs in the auto and other industries, promoting small business development, pursuing fair trade policies to help American companies compete globally, enhancing public education, protecting the environment and the park system, and increasing corporate accountability and governmental transparency.

Senator Levin was a member of Senate Committee on Armed Services for 35 years and chaired the Committee for 10 years. He was a strong supporter of our Piquette Square for Veterans and participated in its groundbreaking in 2008.

Senator Levin has received numerous honorary degrees and awards, including the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation’s Four Freedoms Medal, the Secretary of the Navy Distinguished Public Service Award, and the LBJ Liberty & Justice for All Award. Time magazine named him one of the 10 best Senators.

Before being elected to the Senate, he was a member and president of the Detroit City Council. He also served as the first general counsel of Michigan’s Civil Rights Commission, after which he was special assistant attorney general for the state of Michigan and chief appellate defender for the Legal Aid and Defenders Association of Detroit.

Wayne State University created the Levin Center at Wayne Law, named in honor of Senator Levin. The Center educates future attorneys, business leaders, legislators and public servants on their role overseeing public and private institutions and using oversight as an instrument of change.

The Senator is currently senior counsel at Honigman in Detroit. Last year, he was appointed to help mediate lawsuits stemming from the Flint water crisis.