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Herbert Hoover Uncommon Public Service Award Winners Named

DES MOINES, IOWA – Tuesday, March 24, 2015 – State Representative Helen Miller and State Senator Wally Horn were recognized today by the Hoover Presidential Foundation for ‘Uncommon Public Service’ to the people of Iowa. The Foundation established the award to be presented annually to one member of the Iowa House and the Iowa Senate who exemplifies Herbert Hoover’s humanitarian efforts and commitment with uncommon service. The nominees are judged solely on their public service and humanitarian projects.

Representative Bobby Kaufmann presented the award to Rep. Miller before members of the House as the session opened. “Being ‘uncommon’ is a quality of life and of service that we see often in our great state,” said Rep. Kaufmann. “We find uncommon people in our schools, churches, courts and hospitals... we even find them in our state government.”

Rep. Kaufmann quoted from Rep. Miller’s nomination form, “Like President Hoover, Representative Miller understands the importance of leadership and a commitment to provide a greater understanding of art and culture to Iowans. She understands the value of generosity, honor, passion, compassion and integrity.”

“To say that I am stunned is truly an understatement,” said Rep. Miller. “I just want to simply say, this is something I didn’t expect. Thank you.”

Senate President Pam Jochum presented the award to Senator Horn in the State Senate. “Senator Horn has served in the Iowa Legislature for 43 years. No other legislator in Iowa history has a longer continuous record,” said Jochum. “Older Iowans have Wally Horn as one of their champions. The Cedar Rapids senator has worked on legislation to prevent elder abuse and financial exploitation of older Iowans, among other programs.”

“An award like this is really humbling,” said Senator Horn. “It’s a great one to receive, an honorable award... I want to thank you very much and I’m very honored.”



Representative Miller serves the 9th District and is the ranking member of the Agriculture Committee and also serves on the Economic Growth and Natural Resources Committees. She is also a member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee.

Sen. Horn is from the 35th District and has served in the Iowa Senate since 1983. He previously served 10 years in the Iowa House. He currently chairs the Ethics and Veterans Affairs Committees and serves on the Judiciary, State Government and Transportation committees. Sen. Horn is Vice Chair of the Administrative Rules Review Committee and a member of the Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

Both legislators will be honored at the Foundation's annual Celebration Banquet in October.

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Rep. Helen Miller accepts a certificate from (L to R) Bill Bywater, Foundation trustee, Jerry Fleagle, Foundation executive director, and Ken Fawcett, Foundation trustee.



(From L) Foundation trustees Ken Fawcett and Bill Bywater present State Sen. Wally Horn with the Hoover Presidential Foundation Uncommon Public Service Award with State Sen. David Johnson and Foundation executive director Jerry Fleagle.

About the Foundation

The Hoover Presidential Foundation is a private nonprofit organization for the support of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum and Hoover National Historic Site in West Branch, Iowa. The Foundation fosters the collection, interpretation and preservation of historical resources relating to the life, ideas, values and times of Herbert Hoover, 31st President of the United States.

