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AID Chief Deputy Earns Industry Award

Blasingame recognized by state's independent agents

LITTLE ROCK – Arkansas Insurance Commissioner Allen Kerr today released the following statement regarding the awarding of the Allan Kennedy Memorial Award to Chief Deputy Commissioner Lenita Blasingame at the 114th Annual Convention of the Independent Insurance Agents of Arkansas:

“It is a tremendous honor to the Arkansas Insurance Department that Lenita Blasingame received the Kennedy Award, especially so since she is the only woman to have earned the honor having not previously being a producer. This is a perfect note on which Lenita can cap-off her 50-year career serving the hardworking taxpayers of Arkansas in their Insurance Department.”

Blasingame joined the Arkansas Insurance Department in 1965, serving under fourteen insurance commissioners. She was named Chief Deputy Commissioner in 2005 and was appointed as Insurance Commissioner in 2009.

“It has been my distinct honor to serve with Lenita as her last Insurance Commissioner,” Kerr added.

The award is named for one of the founders and the first president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Arkansas, Allan Kennedy of Fort Smith. The award is designed to honor and recognize the insurance industry person today who best lives up to the standards of excellence and leadership set by Kennedy and is the highest award presented by the Association.

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