

MORE GOOD NEWS

Brace named "Guardian of Freedom" by Lincoln Heritage Institute

Praising his "commitment to the freedoms we have as Americans," state representative Tracy Seyfert in September presented the prestigious Guardian of Freedom Medal for 1998 to Robert Brace, a co-founder of the Pennsylvania Landowners' Association.

The medal is awarded each year by the Lincoln Heritage Institute, a nonpartisan national public policy and education organization. The medal is awarded to individuals who have demonstrated conspicuous and courageous action in defense of the principles inherent in our nation's Bill of Rights.

In presenting the medal, Seyfert applauded Brace as a "successful advocate of individual's rights" who played a critical role in starting and nourishing PLA.

"In response to the federal government's bureaucratic and regulatory nightmare, Robert funded and started a program that supports the property rights of private citizens, especially against the encroaching forces of federal government," Seyfert observed. "With a mindset similar to that of our courageous founding fathers," she said, "Robert has been carrying the banner of 'rugged individualism' in opposition to a federal government that appears to expand its influence and control upon all aspects of American business, society and life."

Brace was selected from a slate of six distinguished nominees, including state Supreme Court Chief Justice John Flaherty, state

representatives Howard Fargo, William DeWeese and Arthur Hershey, and PLA president Keith Klingler.

Lincoln Heritage Institute president Charles Drago commented that this year's illustrious slate of nominees "have made it clear that they still believe in and honor the spirit and liberty that was purchased with the blood of patriots from Lexington and Concord to the sands of Iraq. They stand for all of us who cherish freedom."

National Mining Association Awards Ingram 1998 Distinguished Service Award

Pennsylvania Landowners' Association is pleased to announce that the National Mining Association (NMA) awarded its 1998 "Distinguished Service Award" to Board member and counsel Henry "Hank" Ingram.

The award was presented to Ingram in recognition of his long and distinguished career in the coal industry representing mining companies. His practice has been concentrated in counseling and litigation involving regulations that affect the development of coal and other natural resources.

Mr. Ingram is counsel in the Environmental Group at Reed Smith Shaw & McClay LLP in Pittsburgh. He has twice served as Chairman of the Section on Mineral, Natural Resources, and Environmental Law of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He is a governing Trustee of the Eastern Mineral Law Foundation, and general counsel of the Pennsylvania Coal Association. In addition, Mr. Ingram is a member of the Pennsylvania Wetlands Protection Advisory Committee.

The NMA is a trade association which represents the mining industry, mining equipment manufacturers, and related businesses throughout the United States. The Distinguished Service Award was established by the NMA in 1973, and is presented annually at the Mining Lawyers Conference to recognize industry leaders.

In 1961, Mr. Ingram received his B.A. from Allegheny College; in 1964, his LL.B. from the University of Michigan.

Reed Smith Shaw & McClay LLP has more than 400 lawyers practicing in Washington, DC; McLean, VA; Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, PA; Princeton and Newark, NJ; and New York, NY.



State Representative Tracy Seyfert (R-Crawford & Mercer) is joined by Representative Joseph Gladeck (R-Montgomery) in presenting Robert Brace (on the left) with the Guardian of Freedom Medal in the rotunda of the state capitol building.