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State Seeks Nominations for Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

Annual Induction Recognizes Outstanding Achievements and Contributions

COLUMBUS - The State Department of Aging today issued a call for nominations for outstanding older individuals to be inducted into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. The hall honors Ohioans age 60 and older for their extraordinary achievements and contributions. Individuals and organizations interested in nominating a neighbor, colleague, family member or friend may do so online at www.aging.ohio.gov/news/nominations/. The department will accept nominations through July 31, 2010. Honorees will be inducted to the Hall of Fame in the spring of 2011.

"Inductees to the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame very often are ordinary people who do extraordinary things," said Barbara E. Riley, director of the department. "They have shaped communities, influenced industry and medicine, helped the arts flourish and so much more. Most Ohioans likely know at least one person who deserves this honor, and we hope they will take the time to nominate him or her."

Nominees must be age 60 or older and be native-born Ohioans or a resident of the state for at least 10 years. Posthumous nominations will be accepted. Self-nominations are not accepted. Nominees will be evaluated on the impact of their current contributions, or a continuation of contributions begun before age 60, in areas of endeavor including, but not limited to:

- Athletics
- Business/Industry
- Public Service
- Education
- Health/Medicine
- Literature/Journalism
- Science/Technology
- Visual/Performing Arts
- Voluntarism

Those selected will join more than 350 older Ohioans who set examples by leading active and positive lives not defined by age or barriers, and who demonstrate significant contributions to their communities. To learn more, visit www.aging.ohio.gov/news/halloffame/.

About ODA

The Ohio Department of Aging provides leadership for the delivery of services and supports that improve and promote quality of life and personal choice for older Ohioans, adults with disabilities, their families and their caregivers. Working with 12 area agencies on aging and other community partners, the department offers home- and community-based Medicaid waiver programs such as PASSPORT, the long-term care ombudsman program, the Golden Buckeye Card and more. Visit www.aging.ohio.gov.

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