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MAYOR AND MRS. JAMES MELVIN RECEIVE *GORDON P. ALLEN AWARD*

RALEIGH - North Carolina's banks have presented the *Gordon P. Allen Award for Public Service* to Jim and Susan Melvin in recognition of their outstanding service to and support of their community, and their dedication to all mankind.

Mr. Melvin holds the distinction of having been the longest-serving mayor in Greensboro's history (1971-1981). In addition to his elected positions, he has been involved in many ventures that have improved Greensboro: its new baseball stadium, The Elon University School of Law and Center City Park, to name a few. Melvin, a retired banker, has quite a talent for securing funding. At present, he uses this talent daily as CEO and President of the Joseph M. Bryan Foundation. He exudes passion for making his community a better place through everything he does.

"Jim's commitment to public service just cannot be measured," commented Thad Woodard, President of CEO, North Carolina Bankers Association. "There are few community servants who have the level of down-to-earth insight into important issues that Jim has displayed."



Susan Melvin is an extremely active member of the Greensboro community, serving as the President of the PTA, the Volunteer Chair at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital and the co-chair of a committee at St. Pius X Catholic Church, which raised \$6 million for its new building. She also serves on the board of directors of the Natural Science Center of Greensboro.

The annual North Carolina Public Service award is named for former State Senator Gordon P. Allen. His reputation for honesty and integrity led North Carolina's banks to name their annual public service award in his honor. Past recipients include actress Andie McDowell; Senator David Hoyle; former NCCBI Chair Barry Eveland; Eddie Williams of the North Carolina Baptist Men who spearheaded the building of homes in Katrina ravaged New Orleans; Kyle and Patty Petty of Victory Junction Gang Camp which enriches the lives of children with chronic medical conditions or serious illnesses; Moses Mathis, known as the Bicycle Man for creating a program to give children bicycles in Cumberland County; and David Smith, former mayor of Asheboro.

The North Carolina Bankers Association brings together all categories of banking institutions that best represent the interests of our rapidly changing state. The state's banks have provided support to their communities since 1864. Look for a current listing at www.ncba.com.

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