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REGENTS RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Tempe – The Arizona Board of Regents honored Craig and Barbara Barrett, Dorothy Hunt Finley, and the late Marvin Morrison and his wife, June Morrison today with the Regents Award for Outstanding Service to Higher Education.

The award was established in 1996 to provide special recognition for Arizona citizens and/or organizations that provide exceptional service to higher education in Arizona. Current and former Regents contribute to a fund to cover the cost of designing, sculpting, and casting a suitable art object to present to recipients.

Board President, Fred Boice, welcomed guests gathered today at a luncheon and university presidents highlighted the contributions of the honorees:

Craig and Barbara Barrett are synonymous with service to higher education. Their commitment to the advancement of ASU and Arizona's higher education community is represented by their contributions to Arizona's institutions. The Barretts established the endowment that gives the Barrett Honors College its name. This school, in which the Barretts remain intimately involved, has become the nation's leading honors college, and the home of future leaders for the state and the nation. Mrs. Barrett is a three-time ASU alumna, an accomplished attorney and former federal official and has been recognized for her professional success and devotion to ASU. Dr. Barrett has been recognized for his efforts in improving K-20 education and preparing today's students for the demands of the future workforce.

Dorothy Hunt Finley's service to the community, including to the University of Arizona, to Tucson and to Arizona has been extraordinary. She took the lead to raise money for UA women's sports and convinced others to donate and to attend women's sporting events, which significantly increased the number of fans attending these functions. She has been very generous in supporting individual and community causes and has been a donor to the UA Hispanic Alumni Club and to the Black Alumni Club. In 1989, she was named Tucson Woman of the Year and has continued to accept leadership roles in the area of economic development. She has been a strong supporter of retaining Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson for the good of the economy. Dorothy invests her tireless efforts on behalf of causes that positively affect others.

Through their tireless efforts, the late Marvin Morrison and his wife, June Morrison, have advanced agricultural and business education in Arizona's universities, particularly Arizona State University. The Morrises' support for ASU agribusiness and resource management programs, as well as the College of Public Programs and the ASU Foundation culminated in a 1997 gift that was instrumental to the development of the ASU Polytechnic campus in Mesa. In recognition of their contributions, this campus is now home to the Morrison School of Management and Agribusiness. This contribution ensures that ASU will become the New American University with a focus on practical teaching and use-inspired research that will continue to impact Arizona, the nation and the world.

Previous award winners:

1996 The Flinn Foundation; Jim Click
1997 Phelps Dodge Corporation; Robert and Katherine Herberger
1998 Frances McAllister; Donald Soldwedel
1999 Raytheon Systems Company; Roy Drachman
2000 Ed and Nadine Carson; Dick and Dinky Snell
2002 Jerry Colangelo; Bennett and Jacquie Dorrance
2003 The Honorable Clinton Pattea; the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
2004 Don Budinger; Louise Solheim; APS/Pinnacle West
2005 Christopher Bavasi; James Rogers; the Virginia Piper Charitable Trust
2006 Mary Lou and Ira Fulton; Greater Phoenix Leadership; Robert Wick

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