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ITA Announces STEVEN R. EVANS as 2007 Recipient of the Linda S. Weindruch Award

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The Iowa Taxpayers Association announced today the 2007 recipient of the Linda S. Weindruch Award. **Steven R. Evans**, will be presented with the Award at the ITA Annual Meeting on December 4th in Des Moines, Iowa.

Steven R. Evans is the Vice President of Taxation of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company. He joined a predecessor Iowa company in 1992 and has a combined 29 years of corporate tax and finance experience. He has previously served as chairman of the **Iowa Taxpayers Association (ITA)**, chairman of the Polk-Des Moines Taxpayers Association, and president of the Iowa chapter of Tax Executives Institute. He served on the Council of Economic Advisors under Governor Vilsack. Mr. Evans participated in the formation of **ITA's Accountable Government Committee** and the development of its eight sound budgeting principles. He was a key leader in rewriting the state's property tax system for energy utilities that has become model for other states. He has actively supported the development of other legislative tax matters in Iowa. Mr. Evans holds a Masters of Accountancy degree from Brigham Young University, after having earned his undergraduate degree in Accounting at the same university.

The Iowa Taxpayers Association offers this award in memory and in recognition of Linda S. Weindruch who died after a long battle with multiple sclerosis in October 2004. Ms. Weindruch was an active, long-time member of the Iowa Taxpayers Association. She was a tremendous friend of Iowa business and worked diligently to develop and shape legislative and regulatory policy that supported sound taxation principles. She was an attorney, law school lecturer, noted Iowa tax authority, and advocate for the rights of disabled Americans.

The **purpose of this award** is to recognize outstanding accomplishments and contributions in promoting and protecting the principles and policies of fair business taxation. Recipients achieve recognition through the attributes that epitomize Linda S. Weindruch: Advocacy, Leadership, Fairness, and Strong Moral Compass.

One of Ms. Weindruch's most notable career achievements was her work involving the passage of the **Iowa Taxpayers' Procedural Bill of Rights** in 1994. This legislation represented significant advances on behalf of taxpayers and those doing business with the Iowa Department of Revenue. In addition to providing important safeguards for Iowa taxpayers, the legislation clearly defined the obligations and responsibilities of the Department.

The 2007 Award Recipient was instrumental in helping enact the Utility Replacement tax landmark legislation.

Mr. Evans will be presented with the Linda S. Weindruch Award at the awards luncheon of the ITA Annual Meeting in Des Moines on December 4, 2007.

Details below:

ITA 72nd Annual Meeting & Tax Symposium

December 4, 2007, 12:15 p.m.

Hotel Fort Des Moines

Des Moines, Iowa

Meeting registration forms and details are available at www.iowataxpayers.org.

The Iowa Taxpayers Association, the states leading business tax policy resource, is a statewide non-partisan organization providing business tax policy information for over 70 years.

See Linda S. Weindruch Award website here

http://www.iowataxpayers.org/web/2005/10/the_linda_s_weindruch_award.aspx

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