

## **News Release**

### **Freeman Honored as Distinguished Hoosier**



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**Paul W. Freeman**, CAE, retired executive vice president of the Indiana Bankers Association, has been named a Distinguished Hoosier by Gov. Eric J. Holcomb. The award was presented on Oct. 12 by Sen. Travis Holdman at the IBA Mega Conference in Indianapolis in recognition of Freeman's contributions to the Indiana banking community. The Distinguished Hoosier is regarded as one of the highest tributes bestowed by the state of Indiana. Additionally, Michael S. Zahn, IBA chairman, presented Freeman with a plaque of appreciation from the Board of Directors.

Freeman retired in September after 34 years of service to the Association. He had joined the IBA in 1987 to fill the newly created position of director of member services. Previously, Freeman was employed for four years with Robert Morris Associates (now the Risk Management Association) in Philadelphia, and additionally had nine years of banking experience with American Fletcher National Bank and Trust Company, Indianapolis. In 2014, he was named to the IBA 40 Year Club, which recognizes Indiana professionals with 40+ years of banking experience.

Freeman is a past chairman of the Indiana Council for Economic Education and past president of the Indiana Society of Association Executives, which honored him as Association Professional of the Year in 2006. Other affiliations include service on the board of directors of the Indiana Statewide Certified Development Corporation and membership in the American Society of Association Executives. A certified association executive, Freeman earned bachelor's and MBA degrees from Butler University and is a graduate of the Institutes for Organizational Management at the University of Delaware.

"Paul Freeman upholds the spirit of the Distinguished Hoosier award," said Amber R. Van Til, IBA president and CEO. "His legacy of dedicated service, boundless work ethic and vast of knowledge of banking leave the Indiana Bankers Association well-positioned to serve the needs of the industry for years to come."



Paul W. Freeman (center), retired executive vice president of the Indiana Bankers Association, is presented with a Distinguished Hoosier award by Sen. Travis Holdman and congratulated by Amber R. Van Til, IBA president and CEO.

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