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Idaho State Bar Honors Reginald R. Reeves

BOISE - At its annual meeting in July, the Idaho State Bar honored longtime humanitarian Reginald R. Reeves with the elite Service Award, given to Idaho lawyers and judges for their exceptional contributions to justice and their communities.

Specifically, Reeves did research and facilitated the adoption of rules and procedures to appoint judges pro tem. His humanitarian activities have included working with local business leaders to facilitate donation of more than \$300,000 in 2011 alone to be distributed to soup kitchens and various homeless shelters and charities. The food drives led to collecting used computers for migrant workers' schools, and ultimately hundreds of computers to be sent to poor school districts in Mississippi. These drives also facilitated the opening of offices in Idaho Falls and Boise to assist low-income persons obtain free medication from pharmaceutical manufacturers worth \$10 million in 2009 and 2010.

His international work included encouraging a sugar company in Guatemala to build a computer laboratory at three schools, and to hire teachers for them. He also helped facilitate about \$1,850,000 worth of hospital and medical supplies being delivered to Vietnam. Drawing on high-level contacts and friends in the military, and in the medical community, similar projects provided development and medical supplies for the Virgin Islands, Nepal, and Ghana.

His previous awards include Commander's Award for Public Service, The Outstanding Civilian Service medal, Alumni Hall of Fame, University of Idaho, Military Hall of Fame, North Carolina, A. & T. State University. South Central Idaho District Health Department, 2004 Health Hero, Governor's Brightest Stat Award for Public Service, 2002, City of Sun Valley Humanitarian Award, 2009 Red Cross, Donor of 30 gallons of whole blood.

Asked about public service, Reeves quoted Winston Churchill: "From what you earn, you can make a living. From what you give, you can make a life."

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