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## EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

2010 HONOREE

*James R. Reilly*

Trustee

Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority



HOSTED BY THE MOTOROLA FOUNDATION AND THE CIVIC FEDERATION



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*In 1990 executives at Motorola recognized the need to identify and promote the exemplary work of public servants throughout the State of Illinois. Motorola had previously worked with the Illinois business community to support the achievements and hard work of non-elected government officials.*

*Now in its 19th year and sponsored by the Motorola Foundation in partnership with the Civic Federation, the Excellence in Public Service Award annually recognizes a non-elected government official who has had an extraordinary impact on the quality of state and local government services in Illinois. The award seeks to honor individuals who show dedication to a vision of quality management, leadership and innovation that leads to lasting achievements and more effective government in Illinois.*

*The 2010 Motorola Foundation Excellence in Public Service Award is an original print from 1860 depicting President-elect Abraham Lincoln in the governor's office at the capitol in Springfield, Illinois.*

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## PROGRAM

WELCOME

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BREAKFAST

REMARKS

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AWARD PRESENTATION

**Matthew Blakely**

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**JAMES R. REILLY**

*Trustee, Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority*



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December 9, 2010

Honorees, Friends and Distinguished Guests,

Welcome to the Motorola Foundation Excellence in Public Service Award celebration. Motorola and the Motorola Foundation have sponsored this award for the past eighteen years. Today we honor a truly fantastic public servant, Jim Reilly. It is a privilege to present this prestigious award to such a talented individual.

This award is significant because it allows us to continue to call attention to key individuals who have dedicated themselves to pursuing changes in public policy, resulting in better public service and government.

We are honored to recognize Jim Reilly as a leader in transportation, tourism, state government operations and commitment to public service.

His more than thirty years of public service from State Representative to Chief of Staff to two Governors, revitalizing the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority and managing the Regional Transportation Authority during very difficult economic times should serve as a role model for those in public service.

I extend my sincerest congratulations and best wishes for continued success to Jim Reilly, the recipient of the 2010 Motorola Foundation Excellence in Public Service Award.

Sincerely,

Matt Blakely  
Director  
Motorola Foundation



## 2010 HONOREE

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Trustee

Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority

*James R. Reilly is Trustee of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA), the agency that owns and operates McCormick Place, the nation's largest convention center, and Navy Pier, Illinois' top-visited tourist and leisure destination.*

*Mr. Reilly brings 27 years of experience in management and large real estate development to his current position. His experience includes being the former Chief Executive Officer of the MPEA and CEO of the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau as well as Chief Operating Officer of the State of Illinois under two governors.*

*During his previous tenure with the MPEA, Mr. Reilly successfully negotiated major labor reforms and was instrumental in the redevelopment of Navy Pier in 1995, the development of the McCormick Place South Building on time and under budget in 1996 and the development of the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place in 1998.*

*Prior to his appointment as Trustee, Mr. Reilly served as Chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority since 2005 and was most recently President of the Reilly Consultant Group, which specialized in labor negotiations, the hospitality industry and project development.*

*Mr. Reilly represented the 49th and 97th Illinois Legislative House Districts from 1977 – 1983 and chaired the House Appropriations, Education and State Government Committees and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. During his tenure in the Illinois General Assembly, Mr. Reilly was chief sponsor of the Illinois Human Rights Act, the Emergency Medical Services Act and championed reform for the Regional Transportation Authority.*

*Mr. Reilly was also previously on the Board of Directors of Mercy Hospital and the Illinois Institute of Technology. He holds a B.S. Degree from Illinois College and a J.D. Degree from the University of Chicago Law School.*

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MAYOR

December 9, 2010

GREETINGS

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, it is my pleasure to extend warmest greetings to everyone attending the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorola Foundation Excellence in Public Service Award Breakfast hosted by the Motorola Foundation and the Civic Federation.

Dedicated to acting as an advisor, resource and facilitator, the Civic Federation provides invaluable information on government efficiency and public policy. Through its research projects and advocacy, the Federation helps ensure accountability and makes our communities better places to live, work and raise families. Today's breakfast recognizes James R. Reilly, Metropolitan Pier Exposition Authority trustee, for his leadership and commitment to the local economy. I commend Jim for his many years of outstanding service to our residents.

May you all have an enjoyable and memorable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard M. Daley".

Mayor



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December 9, 2010

Dear Guests:

Thank you for joining us today to honor the exemplary public service of James R. Reilly. The Civic Federation is pleased to join the Motorola Foundation in presenting the Excellence in Public Service Award to such a deserving honoree.

Mr. Reilly has made a lifetime commitment to public service, from his early days as elected Representative in the Illinois General Assembly, serving as Chief Operating Officer under Governors James Thompson and Jim Edgar, as Chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority and in his current role as Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Trustee. Throughout his career, Mr. Reilly has helped state and local governments deliver services more efficiently and effectively. As MPEA Trustee, Mr. Reilly has already succeeded in cutting costs and making significant changes that will allow McCormick Place to retain its position as the nation's premier convention center.

The Federation thanks the Motorola Foundation for sponsoring this important award, which is designed to celebrate the often overlooked work of government officials. Our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude also go out to Mr. Reilly for his years of commitment to improving all levels of Illinois government and his continued dedication to public service.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Livingston  
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2002 PAM McDONOUGH, DIRECTOR, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

2001 WILLIAM HOLLAND, AUDITOR GENERAL, STATE OF ILLINOIS

2000 MARY DEMPSEY, COMMISSIONER, CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

AUDREY McCRIMON, ASSISTANT TO SECRETARY, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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