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VETERAN ELECTION COMMISSIONER AND LEGISLATOR RECEIVES MEDALLION AWARD FROM SECRETARY OF STATE TRE HARGETT

Secretary of State Tre Hargett presented Jimmy Wallace, a longtime election commissioner, legislator and community activist, with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) Medallion Award.

The presentation took place during the Madison County Board of Commissioners meeting in Jackson June 15.

Mr. Wallace was recently elected chair of the Tennessee State Election Commission, where he has served as a member since 1995. As chair, Mr. Wallace will work closely with Tennessee Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins toward the common goal of ensuring that the state's elections are fairly and properly conducted.

The Division of Elections is part of the Tennessee Department of State, which Secretary Hargett oversees.

Prior to his tenure on the Election Commission, Mr. Wallace served in the Tennessee House of Representatives as an independent from 1974 to 1984.

Medallion Awards are presented by individual secretaries of state across the country and are intended to recognize individuals or organizations who have helped promote voter education and participation, civic education and government service.

"I am very glad to have this opportunity to honor Mr. Wallace with the distinction of receiving a Medallion Award. His commitment to his community demonstrates the intent of the Medallion Award," said Secretary of State Hargett. "His dedication and service reflect the dignity, background and stature that the award represents. He has served his country and the state of Tennessee well and continues to do so in an honorable capacity."

“Mr. Wallace is a strong leader and advocate in promoting voter education,” said Mr. Goins, who accompanied Secretary Hargett to the awards presentation. “I’m honored to have had the opportunity of working alongside him in the past as fellow members of the Tennessee State Election Commission. I look forward to continuing to work with him in his new capacity as chair of the Tennessee State Election Commission. He is most deserving of receiving the Medallion Award.”

A native of Jackson, Tennessee, Mr. Wallace is a retired U.S. Navy lieutenant. He is married to Sally Roland and has a daughter and three grandchildren.