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## **IWLA Presents Awards At 2010 Annual Convention**

March 9, 2010 (San Diego) – The International Warehouse Logistics Association presented awards honoring members for their leadership and service to the industry at the IWLA 119th Annual Convention here.

Frank Bender, former Chairman of the Bender Group, Reno, NV, was honored with IWLA Distinguished Service Award posthumously. The award was accepted by his daughter-in-law Priscilla Bender. The honor recognizes Frank Bender's outstanding service to the third-party logistics industry and IWLA, particularly his long-time dedication to education and economic development, as well as his leadership and integrity.

When he died in December 2009, Mr. Bender left a legacy of more than 60 years of commitment and personal investment in shaping the growth of his community, his state and his industry.

Mr. Bender grew up in California and attended the University of California, Berkeley. He returned to Reno after service in the U.S. Navy during World War II to work with his father at Bender Moving and Warehouse, a company his father founded in 1945 with a 60,000-square-foot warehouse and a few trucks. He later succeeded his father and led the company to become nationally recognized in the warehousing industry.

Among his many accomplishments was his role in creating the Center for Logistics Management in the College of Business at the University of Nevada, Reno, in 1988. This successful program has attracted major employers from around the country and provides students with classroom study and hands-on training in distribution, manufacturing, warehousing, purchasing and marketing.

Mr. Bender served on many boards for business, economic development and service organizations. This included his service as chairman and member of the Nevada State Department of Economic Development under four different governors. In 1968 he was the founder and later served as the third president of Western Industrial Nevada.

He also was chairman of the American Warehousemen's Association (which later became IWLA) and the DRI Board of Trustees, and was an active member of the Governor's Commission on Economic Development and the University of Nevada, Reno, Foundation.

Among Mr. Bender's many honors were the Raymond I. Smith Civic Leader of the Year Award from the Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce, the President's Medal at the University of Nevada, Reno, and induction into the Junior Achievement Business Leader's Hall of Fame.

Also honored at the IWLA annual convention was the inaugural class of Government Affairs Persons of the Year, presented by IWLA and *World Trade 100* magazine in recognition of efforts that attained significant legislative action and political awareness among the association's membership.

The 2010 IWLA Government Affairs Persons of the Year are: B. Lee Mallory, CLP, President of Mallory Distribution, Mallory Alexander International Logistics, Memphis, TN ; Richard Murphy, Sr., Chairman, and Richard T. Murphy Jr., President & CEO of Murphy Warehouse Company, Minneapolis; Douglas J. Sibila, CLP, President & COO of Peoples Services, Canton, OH; and Tommy Grimes, CLP, Chairman of The Grimes Companies, Jacksonville, FL.

IWLA honored five individuals for achieving the status of Certified Logistics Professional. The CLP Designation was designed by IWLA to set standards of excellence and promote professionalism in the industry. To earn a CLP, individuals must complete five to six courses and make significant educational and service contributions to the industry.

Recognized for having achieved CLP status over the past year were: Chris Kane, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Kane Is Able, Scranton, PA; Richard T. Murphy Jr., President & CEO of Murphy Warehousing Company, Minneapolis; Noreen Ryan, Vice President of First Logistics LLC, Alsip, IL; Doug Sibila, President & COO of People's Services, Inc., Canton, OH; and Tom Single, Director, Solutions Development, for Saddle Creek Corporation, Lakeland, FL.

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