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## **NASS Presents EAC Commissioner Paul DeGregorio with Freedom Award**

The National Association of Secretaries of State presented the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's Paul DeGregorio with its Freedom Award at the 2004 NASS Summer Conference. NASS recognized Commissioner DeGregorio for his contributions to preserving free and fair elections in the United States and abroad.

"Commissioner DeGregorio is a valuable resource for democracy throughout the world, and especially here in the U.S.," said North Dakota Secretary of State and NASS Awards Committee Chair Al Jaeger. "He embodies all that is the NASS Freedom Award."

DeGregorio's twenty years of election administration experience produced a long list of impressive accomplishments, including his term as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the International Foundation for Election Systems. At the Foundation, DeGregorio was responsible for 400 employees in more than 20 countries, and he provided technical assistance in election administration in various countries including Russia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, China and Japan.

In 2003, DeGregorio was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve on the bipartisan U.S. Election Assistance Commission, which was created by The Help America Vote Act of 2002 and serves as a national clearinghouse for election administration information and guidelines.

The NASS Freedom Award honors individuals and organizations that have made significant creative, procedural and technological contributions to elections. The Award is intended to reinforce the importance of working to ensure free and fair elections in the United States. Previous recipients include U.S. Representatives Robert Ney (R-OH) and Steny Hoyer (D-MD).

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