

2006 Annual George C. Marshall Awards Dinner

On June 13, 2006, nearly 200 guests joined the directors and staff of the George Marshall Institute at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel in Washington, D.C. to honor President George W. Bush for his outstanding service to the nation and present him with the Founders Award at the Institute's third Annual Dinner and Awards Celebration.

The Marshall Institute's Founders Award recognizes outstanding individuals for their contributions to science, public policy, and public service. The award was created in honor of the Institute's founders, Dr. Frederick Seitz and Dr. Robert Jastrow, who were its first recipients.

On the day of the Awards Dinner, President Bush made an unannounced visit to Baghdad and the Founders Award was accepted on his behalf by the Honorable Samuel Bodman, Secretary of Energy.



Secretary Bodman accepts the Founders Award on behalf of President Bush from Marshall President Jeff Kueter.

Institute Chairman Dr. William Happer presented Secretary Bodman with the Award, a reproduction of the engraving *America Guided By Wisdom: An Allegorical Representation of the United States, Denoting their Independence and Prosperity*, drawn by John James Barralett in 1815. The George Marshall Institute believes that wise decision making and the pursuit of knowledge are essential to America's continued progress. The individuals who receive this award reflect those values and have made substantial contributions to that prosperity. The drawing resides at the Athenaeum of Philadelphia and a reproduction is on display at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.



James Starr, Marshall CEO William O'Keefe, Governor Haley Barbour, Secretary and Mrs. Bodman

This year for the first time **Friends of the Institute Awards** were presented to individuals who have offered outstanding support to the work and the goals of the Marshall Institute. The award takes the form of an armillary sphere, an astronomical model used to display and calculate the motion of the sun and stars in relation to the earth. Because of their early importance in the development of astronomy and horology – the science of timekeeping – armillary spheres have become an icon of science, and in this spirit, the Marshall Institute designed an award which reflects its recipients' commitment to the courageous and innovative thinking of astronomy's pioneers. The recipients for 2006 were the Honorable Curt Weldon (PA – 7th District), the Honorable Heather Wilson (NM – 1st District), and the Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman (NY (retired); former Chairman, House Committee on International Relations).

Marshall CEO William O'Keefe introduced the Keynote Speaker, the Honorable Haley Barbour, Governor of Mississippi. Governor Barbour spoke about the need to involve the nation's governors in setting energy and environmental policy. Because the implications of these national questions have substantial local impact and because localities are intimately attuned to their particular environmental concerns, the states can make significant contributions to national policy.

In hosting the 2006 Annual Awards Dinner, the Institute was generously supported by the ExxonMobil Corporation, Peabody Energy, The Boeing Company, The American Petroleum Institute, Southern Company, Northrop Grumman, Thomas Advisors, Toyota Motor North America, UST Public Affairs, Inc., DCI Group, Chevron, Entergy, Marathon Oil and Arch Coal, and aided by the excellent work of the Dinner Committee headed by James Schlesinger and Tidal W. McCoy.