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**Senator Warner Awarded First National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal**

Virginia Senator John Warner received the first ever National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal from Director of National Intelligence Mike McConnell in a ceremony today at ODNI headquarters.

Senator Warner is the second-ranking Republican member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the committee's former Vice Chairman. He has also served as both Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and is a current member of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Senator Warner's service on these committees reflects the highest commitment to national security. He is retiring in January after serving thirty years in the Senate.

Director McConnell underscored Senator Warner's commitment to the IC citing his unwavering support of the men and women within the community and his determination to ensure they have the tools to succeed.

"His leadership...has provided valuable oversight and thoughtful direction that has helped transform yesterday's intelligence capabilities to meet today's and tomorrow's intelligence challenges," said Director McConnell in the citation that accompanied the award.

"I am deeply touched," said Senator Warner. "It is working on behalf of the men and women of the armed services and the intelligence community that has been the greatest fulfillment of my life."

The National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal is the highest award that can be granted to non-career Federal employees, private citizens or others who have performed distinguished service of exceptional significance to the Intelligence Community. The DNI established the award on Oct. 1, 2008 to acknowledge individuals who rendered extraordinary service at considerable personal sacrifice and who were motivated by patriotism, good citizenship or a sense of public responsibility.

The Director of National Intelligence oversees the 16 federal organizations that make up the intelligence community. The DNI also manages the implementation of the National Intelligence Program. Additionally, the DNI serves as the principal adviser to the president, the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council on intelligence issues related to national security.

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*Page 2 – Photo from National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal Ceremony at DNI HQ*

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*Director of National Intelligence, Mike McConnell (R), present Senator John Warner with the National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal*



*Director of National Intelligence, Mike McConnell (R), with Senator John Warner after presenting the National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal*

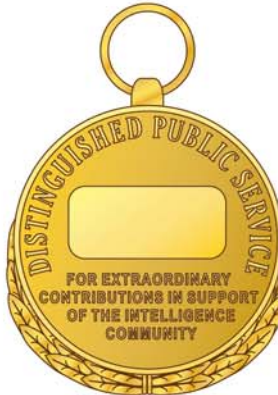
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