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ESSEX HERITAGE LEADERS

HONORED WITH 2010 PROFILE IN PRESERVATION AWARDS

*Annie C. Harris, Paul McGinley, Brona Simon and Martin Krugman
among 25 receiving distinctive recognition on May 5th.*

May 5, 2010 (Salem, MA) . . . Essex Heritage (The Essex National Heritage Commission/ENHC), is pleased to announce that Preservation Massachusetts has named several individuals affiliated with the organization, among 25 recipients of the inaugural Profiles in Preservation Award. The honors were bestowed upon state-wide leaders in the historic preservation movement at its 25th Anniversary Event in Boston on Wednesday, May 5th.

Annie C. Harris, Essex Heritage Executive Director, received the recognition for her lengthy professional and volunteer dedication to heritage preservation and development. Paul McGinley, AICP, a preservation planner and ENHC Trustee, was awarded recognition for his 44 years of service to the profession. ENHC Commissioners Brona Simon, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Martin Krugman, PhD, President of the Gloucester Adventure, Inc., were also among those recognized at the Paul E. Tsongas Profiles in Preservation Awards and 25th Anniversary Dinner.

Preservation Massachusetts (PM) is the statewide non-profit historic preservation organization, established in 1989, dedicated to preserving the Commonwealth's historic and cultural heritage. PM works in partnership with national, state and local preservation organizations and individuals across the Commonwealth. To commemorate its 25th

Anniversary, PM inaugurated the new Paul E. Tsongas Profiles in Preservation Award to acknowledge those individuals who have made a difference in the landscape of historic preservation in Massachusetts. The Profiles in Preservation Awards topped the evening, which celebrated the efforts and accomplishments of those individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to preserving the Commonwealth's historic resources.

As Essex Heritage Executive Director, Ms. Harris works in partnership with over 250 organizations and government entities to preserve and promote the historic, cultural and natural resources of Essex County, Massachusetts. She was a founding member of the Commission and an active proponent for the creation of the National Heritage Area. She has a 30 year history of volunteer service to local boards, commissions and non-profit organizations. Ms. Harris holds an MBA from Harvard University and a Master of Architecture from MIT. Annie has lived in the McIntire Historic District in Salem, MA for more than 30 years.

Essex Heritage Trustee and Ipswich resident Paul McGinley has planned, administered and coordinated complex preservation projects for over 40 years. Through the early restoration of the Philip Call House and Shurcliff gardens with his wife, he pioneered and introduced preservation techniques into his planning of downtown and waterfront renewal projects, creatively utilizing the little known provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Over the years, countless communities have benefitted from his expertise. "I am very fortunate to have been involved at the very beginning of the modern preservation movement during the 1960's and to have experienced its evolution and development over the past 44 years," McGinley offered, "Preservation is never dull; preservation enriches our lives; preservation is the cornerstone of our built environment".

Brona Simon, serves as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the State Historic Preservation Officer and as the MA State Archaeologist, as well as an Essex Heritage Commissioner. Under her leadership, state programs identify, review and help to protect the historic resources of the Commonwealth. She has been involved in many important state initiatives for historic preservation, and in maintaining the Commission's strong legal authority. She has also played a role in the development of national policies,

federal regulations, and national agreement documents, making Massachusetts a national leader in historic preservation.

Dr. Martin Krugman’s involvement in historic preservation began in 1994 when he joined the volunteer crew of the National Historic Landmark Dory-Fishing Schooner Adventure. Awestruck by the magnificence of this 122-ft wooden tall ship and its ties to the Gloucester community, Marty recognized the critical need to restore the seriously deteriorating vessel as a both a floating classroom for environmental education and as a living memorial to the over 5,000 Gloucester fishermen lost at sea. Since 1995, Dr. Krugman has raised over \$2.5M, enabling the completion of much of the restoration. As President of The Gloucester Adventure and Essex Heritage Commissioner, Marty is proud of this accomplishment. “I am passionate about saving the Schooner Adventure. It represents an extraordinary chapter of American history. Although it has been a struggle to save this icon of our maritime heritage, I know that future generations of school children who will sail on the Schooner Adventure will appreciate our efforts,” said Krugman.

“Essex Heritage is proud to share in the recognition bestowed by the Preservation Massachusetts Profiles in Preservation Awards,” said Ms. Harris. “We share an enthusiastic excitement for preserving our cultural heritage through direct restoration, conservation, public education and resource stewardship. Our professional and volunteer efforts help to further the Essex Heritage mission to preserve and promote the vast historic, cultural and natural resources of this spectacular region.”



About the Essex National Heritage Area and Essex Heritage

Designated by the US Congress in recognition of the important role that this region played in American history and its significant heritage sites still remaining, the Essex National Heritage Area is comprised of the 34 communities of Essex County, MA. Essex Heritage is a non profit agency that manages the Heritage Area, and works in collaboration with the National Park Service to promote public/private partnerships, and develop programs that enhance, preserve and encourage regional awareness of the Area’s unique historic, cultural and natural resources. For more information, visit Essex Heritage at www.essexheritage.org or call (978) 740-0444.