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**WKNO ANNOUNCES WILLIAM L. TAYLOR RECIPIENT OF JULIAN
BONDURANT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

WKNO Public Broadcasting announced that the Julian Bondurant Distinguished Service Award will be given posthumously to long-time WKNO supporter and board member, William L. Taylor. Taylor is one of the longest serving Trustees in the history of WKNO, and played an important role in our transition to the Digital Media Center.

“Our station had no better friend than Bill Taylor,” said Michael J. LaBonia, President and CEO of WKNO. “He always made time for WKNO”, LaBonia continued, “whether it was on our behalf for a grant or representation with the city or county, he always came through.” Taylor served on the WKNO Board for 20 years from 1994 – 2013 and was re-elected for a third term in 2014. During his tenure Taylor held WKNO Board positions including Chairman of the Community Relations Committee, Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Board from 2009 to 2011.

The award will be presented to Mr. Taylor’s family at a ceremony on June 22, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the WKNO Digital Media Center.

“Taylor truly focused on family,” added LaBonia, “he had his wife, Marilyn, four devoted daughters and he was also genuinely regarded by employees as part of the WKNO family.”

The Julian Bondurant Distinguished Service Award is an award established by WKNO in 2009 to recognize outstanding support of public broadcasting for the Mid-South. It was named in honor of WKNO’s founder, who, working with the Junior League of Memphis, raised the funding that allowed Channel 10 to begin broadcasting on June 25, 1956. He was WKNO’s founding board chairman and a great friend for many years to the station. The premier Award was given to WKNO Capital Campaign Chair Stephen H. Rhea in November, 2009.

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The Mid-South Public Communications Foundation operates WKNO-TV/Channel 10, WKNO-DT – which includes WKNO-HD and WKNO2, and WKNO-FM 91.1 Memphis and WKNP-FM 90.1 Jackson. WKNO is a non-profit, private foundation serving the Mid-South for 60 years this month. An important community resource, WKNO uses the power of non-commercial public broadcasting to provide the Mid-South with quality educational and cultural programs that inform, entertain, and inspire. For more information: www.wkno.org or www.wknofm.org.

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