

ALABAMA REGISTRY OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF



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Ms. Paula Frederick
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Dear Paula,

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It is my honor and pleasure to inform you that you have been selected as the 2004 recipient of the Mary Lou Bingham award. This award is presented biennially during the ALRID General Meeting to an outstanding Alabama Interpreter in recognition of their long-term service and contributions to ALRID's growth, interpreting programs and administrative junctions.

This award will now be added to your impressive collection that you have acquired throughout your career. Letters of support for your nomination included a summary of a few of these awards. Included are COSDA's Earl Lindsey Service to the Community Award, COSDA's first Interpreter of the Year Award, along with being a charter member, if not the founder, of the Montgomery division of the ALRID. An excerpt of a support letter reads, "She has served numerous times as President of MYALRID, mentored countless interpreters in her 25 years of interpreting. Paula was the first full-time interpreter at JCCD and the first one to officially retire from there. Paula served as President of ALRID more than one term."

As most of us know, you were very instrumental in getting licensure for interpreters passed as a law in Alabama. Keeping a watchful eye on the happenings in Montgomery was very critical at this time and you were always there keeping up to date on what was going on. You worked so diligently with the state comptroller to establish court system fees. Your contributions have been countless.

Paula you have been referred to as the "cornerstone" of the building that is the profession of interpreting. Your heart is gold; your patience with other's intolerance is limitless; and all of this is just a tiny fraction of why you are so deserving of this honor.

With great appreciation for a lifetime of commitment and work, it is a privilege to bestow this award to you.

Sincerely,

Melvin A. Walker
Mary Lou Bingham Award Chairperson

Nancy Hayes
ALRID President

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