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National Achievement Award Presented to R. Barry Palmer

Washington D.C. – Feb. 24, 2009— The National Rivers Hall of Fame presented their National Achievement Award to R. Barry Palmer, at a Waterways Council Inc. dinner at the St. Regis Hotel in Washington, DC on Feb. 24, 2009. This award celebrates Palmer's 27-year career on behalf of the nation's inland waterways.

R. Barry Palmer served as President and CEO of Waterways Council, Inc., (WCI) the national public policy organization advocating a modern and well-maintained system of ports and inland waterways. WCI was created in 2003 by the amalgamation of the Waterways Work! Campaign and DINAMO, the Association for the Development of Inland Navigation in America's Ohio Valley. After 22 years at the helm of DINAMO, working to expedite the modernization of the Ohio River System's lock and dam infrastructure, he worked toward the same goals throughout the nation's navigable waterways. Palmer was hired as DINAMO's first executive director in 1981, and remained in that role until the formation of WCI.

Palmer was instrumental in organizing the merger of the Midwest Area River Coalition (MARC 2000) into WCI on December 15, 2006. This merger was designed to nationalize the issue of lock modernization for the Upper Mississippi River and Illinois Waterway (UMRS) to help accomplish the mission of maintaining and modernizing the waterways infrastructure of the UMRS.

The National Rivers Hall of Fame, located at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, Dubuque, IA, captures the drama of river people from all across America. The Hall of Fame inductees are the pioneers, the explorers and the artists who are no longer living. They were movers and shakers from the days gone by and the recent past. These men and women made significant contributions related to America's rivers and river industries, which is why we honor them.



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The National Achievement Award presented by the National Rivers Hall of Fame is the highest tribute paid to a living person.

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