



William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy

To Honor Five Outstanding New Jerseyans

Gov. Thomas Kean to Accept Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award

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Galloway Township, NJ -The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy today announced the 2015 Hughes Center Honors, recognizing the achievements of five outstanding New Jerseyans. Former New Jersey Gov. Thomas H. Kean will receive the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award.

The honorees include retired Associate Justice John E. Wallace Jr., of the New Jersey Supreme Court, who will receive the Civility in Government and Politics Award; State Senator Chris Connors of the 9th District, who will receive the Distinctive Alumni Leadership Award; Edward J. Graham, chairman and CEO of South Jersey Industries, who will receive the Excellence in Civic Engagement Award; and Carl Archut Jr., president of the Stockton Student Senate, who will receive the Distinctive Student Leadership Award.

The Honors are awarded for professional excellence and a commitment to public service, civility and bipartisanship which reflects the life and career of Ambassador William J. Hughes, who served as U.S. ambassador to Panama and as a U.S. congressman for 20 years.

The event will take place on **Feb. 6, 2015** at the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club in Galloway, NJ, beginning with a reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by the awards program at 6:30 p.m.

THE HONOREES

Thomas H. Kean served as governor of New Jersey from 1982 to 1990. He promoted the State's identity through "The New Jersey and You — Perfect Together" campaign; and was known for innovation in education; higher education and private sector technology partnerships; expanded support for the arts; and protection of inland waterways and freshwater wetlands and **-more-**

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other environmental resources. After leaving office, Governor Kean served as the president of Drew University from 1990 to 2005. In December 2002, he was named by President George W. Bush as chair of the National Commission on Terrorism Attacks Upon the United States.

John E. Wallace, Jr.