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Ralph C. Boyles Memorial Achievement Award

CHARLESTON, W.V. – West Virginia State Tax Commissioner Christopher G. Morris announced today Mr. Bill Blankenship, Assessor of Mercer County, has been selected as the 2009 recipient of the Ralph C. Boyles Memorial Achievement Award for County Assessors.

Jeff Amburgey, Director of the State Tax Department's Property Tax Division, presented the award to Mr. Blankenship at the Annual In-Service Training Session for County Assessors recently held at the Pullman Plaza Hotel in Huntington, West Virginia.

A committee composed of the President of the West Virginia Assessors Association, a representative from the office of the West Virginia State Auditor, and State Tax Department members selected Mr. Blankenship for the award.

Mr. Blankenship began his career in the Assessor's Office in 1984 and was appointed Assessor in 2000. He is now serving his third term as Mercer County Assessor.

The Ralph C. Boyles Memorial Achievement Award is given annually to the Assessor who best demonstrates excellence and professionalism in property tax administration. Some of the criteria considered in the selection process are compliance with property tax laws, efficient office management, and effective communications with property owners and various governmental agencies.

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