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STEM on the Hill™ Announces the 2015 George E. Brown Award

**The Hon. Richard Shelby and the Hon. Donna Edwards
win 20th George E. Brown Award for Science Leadership:**

**Science-Engineering-Technology Working Group (SETWG) honors
Alabama and Maryland Science Champions During STEM on the Hill™ Event**

WASHINGTON, March 1, 2015 — **U.S. Senator Richard Shelby (AL)** and **U.S. Representative Donna Edwards (MD-4)** will receive the **2015 George E. Brown Award** for Science Leadership for their vision

in promoting public policies that benefit science and engineering. Senator Shelby and Representative Edwards will be honored at a Capitol Hill ceremony and public reception on Tuesday, March 17 to be held in the historic Caucus Room of the Cannon House Office Building from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and the celebration is open to the general public and press.



About Sen. Richard Shelby:



Senator Richard Shelby of Alabama was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1986. He is the Chairman of the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee and also serves of Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies. Sen. Shelby has fought to secure critical funding to construct state-of-the-art, world class STEM education facilities across the state that educate students in math, science, and engineering. Sen. Shelby also champions military and space programs in Alabama, and has secured millions of dollars for related initiatives.

About Rep. Donna Edwards:

Representative Donna Edwards (MD-4) represents Maryland's Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties. She was sworn in after a special election to become a member of the U.S. House of Representatives in the 110th Congress in June 2008, becoming the first African American woman to represent Maryland in Congress.

Congresswoman Edwards has enjoyed a diverse career as a nonprofit public interest advocate and in the private sector on NASA's Spacelab project. Congresswoman Edwards has introduced legislation to expand research and development, domestic manufacturing, and infrastructure spending to create jobs and grow our economy. In the 113th Congress, Congresswoman Edwards serves as the Ranking Member on the House Science, Space & Technology Committee's Subcommittee on Space, as well as on the Subcommittee on Environment.

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About the Science-Engineering-Technology Working Group (SETWG), STEM on the Hill™ and the George E. Brown Award: SETWG organizes the annual **Congressional Visits Day (CVD), branded as STEM on the Hill™** — an event that brings hundreds of scientists, engineers, researchers, educators, and technology executives to Washington to raise visibility and support for science, engineering, and technology. Uniquely multi-sector and multi-disciplinary, CVD is coordinated by a coalition of professional societies, associations, educational institutions, and private companies and is open to all who support science and technology as a cornerstone of our nation's future. For more information: www.setcvd.org Follow us on Twitter [@stemonthehill](https://twitter.com/stemonthehill) — for updates [#stemonthehill](https://twitter.com/stemonthehill).

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2015 SELECTION PROCEDURES

The *George E. Brown, Jr., Award* honors the memory of a man widely known as the leading statesman and advocate for science, engineering and technology policy in the United States Congress. George Brown was a member of the House of Representatives from California for more than 35 years. During his tenure he rose to the Chairmanship of what is now the House Committee on Science, Space & Technology and was one of the nation's most ardent supporters of federal research.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The principal criteria established for the recipient of the George E. Brown Award are:

1. Active leadership in the determination of Science, Engineering, Technology and STEM policy;
2. Strong public advocacy in support of a role for the federal government in research; and
3. Specific actions taken to advance Science, Engineering, Technology and STEM policy.

ELIGIBILITY

The Award will be presented to a sitting member(s) of the U.S. Congress for outstanding effort on behalf of SET / STEM to advance federal research efforts that

benefit all of humanity. The prize may be awarded for a specific achievement, or for a body of work extending over a period of years.

NUMBER OF AWARDS/PRESENTATION

One award will be given each year (which may be shared for joint efforts). The award will be presented during the "STEM on the Hill"™ Congressional reception at Congressional Visits Day.

NOMINATIONS

A nomination for the award must come from a member organization of the Science-Engineering-Technology Working Group which is a participant in the Congressional Visits Day for the year in which the prize is to be awarded.

A written, separate nomination request must be used for each candidate. You may wish to use the form on the back of this Flyer. The specific contributions of the individual should be described clearly. If any organization submits multiple nominations, the nominations should be ranked in order.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

A Committee of SETWG will be organized annually to accept the nomination forms, produce a summary report, and make a recommendation to SETWG.

TIMING

Nominations for the Brown Award were due by **January 27, 2015** and were sent to rboege@comcast.net in confidence. The full SETWG Committee approved the awards in February 2015.





Past Recipients of the George E. Brown, Jr. Award



- 2014 – Rep. Edie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)
- 2013 – Rep. Richard L. Hannah (R-NY) & Rep. Michael “Mike” Honda (D-CA)
- 2012 – Sen. Mark Udall (D-CO) & Rep. Randy Hultgren (R-IL)
- 2011 – Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) & Rep. Daniel Lipinski (D-IL)
- 2010 – Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX) & Rep. David Wu (D-OR)



- 2009 – Rep. David Obey (D-WI)
- 2008 – Rep. Bart Gordon (D-TN)
- 2007 – House Speaker Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) & Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
- 2006 – Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA)
- 2005 – Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) & Rep. Vernon Ehlers (R-MI)
- 2004 – Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL) & Rep. Rush Holt (D-NJ)



- 2003 – Rep. Jim Walsh (R-NY) & Rep. Alan Mollahan (D-WV)
- 2002 – Rep. Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY)
- 2001 – Sen. Kit Bond (R-MO) & Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)
- 2000 – Sen. Bill Frist (R-TN) & Sen. John D. Rockefeller (D-WV)
- 1999 – Rep. George E. Brown, Jr. (D-CA) (posthumous) & Sens. Pete Domenici (R-NM) & Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman (D-CT)

