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Springfield, IL, (October 14, 2010) - The Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois (IIA of IL) presented the prestigious Cartwright Award to Paul J. Verisario, CPIA, during the association's annual convention, October 6, 2010 in Springfield.

Verisario was presented with the award in recognition of his role as a longtime industry, association, and community leader. The Cartwright Committee, comprised of past recipients of the Award, selects a winner based on suggestions from the IIA of IL Executive Committee. The award is only given on those years when the committee feels there is a deserving recipient.

Verisario received the prestigious Cartwright Award recognizing his numerous years of service to IIA of IL as well as his meritorious service on behalf of insurance agents throughout the state and his history of community service.

Paul started his career with State Farm in 1963. He opened his own agency, All Security Insurance Agency, Inc., in 1977. Over the last 25 years he has served the insurance industry in a number of roles including IIA of IL President (2002), and National President of the CPIA Society. In addition, Verisario developed the IIA of IL Community Service Award.

Verisario resides in Inverness with his wife Kathy. They are the parents of three children, Brian, Keith and Lori.

The Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois is an association representing independent insurance agents throughout the state. IIA of IL membership is comprised of 1,500 insurance agencies representing 12,000 licensed independent agents engaged in all facets of the insurance industry, including property, casualty, life and health. Its members are businesses that offer customers a choice of policies from a variety of insurance companies. In addition to serving the professional needs of members, IIA of IL works for the betterment of the insurance industry through legislative and consumer awareness programs. The IIA of IL is headquartered in Springfield, Illinois. Visit IIA of IL's consumer website at www.ChooseIndependent.com or agent website at www.iiaofillinois.org

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