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FCC OET CHIEF JULIUS KNAPP HONORED WITH 2017 SIA SATELLITE INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Washington, D.C., March 7, 2017 – The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) has announced the recipient of the Association’s satellite industry award at SIA’s 20th Annual Satellite Leadership Dinner in Washington, DC. Yesterday evening, SIA President Tom Stroup presented the 2017 Satellite Leadership in Government Award to Julius Knapp, Chief, Office of Engineering & Technology at the Federal Communications Commission.

“SIA is pleased to recognize Julius for his outstanding and long-term engineering, spectrum allocation and policy expertise plus for his role as a primary technical liaison between the FCC leadership and the satellite industry,” said Tom Stroup, President of SIA. “For several decades, as the role of satellites has grown in scope and importance, Julius’ leadership has been instrumental in the development of satellite spectrum allocation and public policy. Therefore it is with great pleasure that we present this honor for a long and distinguished career of public service.”

Julius Knapp stated, “I am humbled to receive this award - - not only to be in the company of the many wonderful and deserving people who have been recognized previously - - but also because I serve as a reflection of the work of the many outstanding and dedicated people at the FCC.”

SIA’s Satellite Leadership in Government Award is traditionally presented to a current or former government official or member of Congress who has demonstrated long-term leadership and dedication to public service on issues affecting the satellite industry and has served as an example to others in government.

The Satellite Leadership in Government Award has been awarded to fourteen previous recipients, including General John W. Raymond (2016), Karl Nebbia for his work with the NTIA (2015), Richard Beard of the State Department (2013), Brian Nilsson of the White House National Security Staff (2012), Rural Utilities Service Administrator Jonathan Adelstein (2011); Major General Ellen Pawlikowski (2010); General James Cartwright and Mr. Richard Russell, Ambassador to the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference (2008); Representative Ellen

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Tauscher and Maj. Gen. James B. Armor Jr. (2007); Senator Ted Stevens (2006); and Admiral James O. Ellis Jr. and Tom Tycz, Federal Communications Commission (2005).

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SIA is a U.S.-based trade association providing representation of the leading satellite operators, service providers, manufacturers, launch services providers, and ground equipment suppliers. For more than two decades, SIA has advocated on behalf of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business. For more information, visit www.sia.org.

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