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IPIA Announces the Recipients of 2021 Awards

The International Packaged Ice Association (IPIA) is pleased to name the recipients of the three IPIA awards for 2021. The awards were announced at the 104th Annual Convention and Trade show, held at The Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood, Florida, from November 11-14, 2021.

Raymond South, formerly with KEITH Manufacturing Company of Madras, Oregon, prior to his retirement in 2020, was awarded the 2021 Ice Industry Hall of Fame. Established to recognize and honor individuals who have made significant contributions for the betterment of the ice industry, the individuals nominated and chosen for the Hall of Fame are done so based on their actions and contributions in the packaged ice industry and the International Packaged Ice Association. Raymond's nominations spoke of his being "a fixture at IPIA conventions and board meetings for years. His dedication to the IPIA has been as timeless as him. Raymond has always been a strong advocate of safe ice and has preached this message everywhere he went."

Deb Conklin, Chief Executive Officer of Reddy Ice based in Dallas, Texas, was awarded the Bill Berkoski Advocacy Award, which is awarded annually to the IPIA member representative or company that has promoted the IPIA "Ice is Food" vision for consistent standards and/or the quality and safe ice products represented by the IPIA logo through their marketing and advocacy efforts. Deb's nominations referenced her "steadfast commitment to the IPIA...Deb has personally taken a lead with our current Public Affairs initiative and reached out to state representatives in all the states that Reddy Ice has plants in. She has taken the time to take on many virtual meetings with representatives and encourage them to pass legislation that creates safe bagged ice across the board for all. These meetings have not always come easy, but Deb has been relentless in her pursuit of making them happen."

Jeff Tyler, president of Tyler Beverages, Inc. d.b.a. Tyler's Super Quality Ice of Tyler, Texas, was awarded the very first Jane McEwen Distinguished Leadership Award. Newly established in 2020 in honor of the IPIA's longtime executive director, the award recognizes

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an IPIA member who has provided outstanding and selfless leadership and has made a notable contribution to the International Packaged Ice Association and/or packaged ice industry. In nominating Jeff for the award, his peers cited his “willingness to step up to the plate and serve a second consecutive term as Chairman”, along with “spearheading the search for a new executive director” for the association. “Jeff has shown great leadership through this time of transition. He has always shown a high level of integrity and dedication to our industry.”

More information about the awards and current/past recipients can be found at www.packagedice.com/awards.