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## **American Academy of Actuaries Honors John Purple**

### **Former Chief Actuary for the Connecticut Insurance Department Receives Public Service Award**

WASHINGTON – 26 Oct. 2009 – The American Academy of Actuaries honored **John Purple** with the **2009 Robert J. Myers Award for Public Service** earlier today during its luncheon and annual meeting in Boston. Purple was selected in recognition of his contributions to the public good through his years of service during his tenure as chief actuary with the Connecticut Insurance Department, a position he held from 1998 until his retirement earlier this year.

During this time, he was active on numerous committees and task forces of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). Purple represented Connecticut on the Life and Health Actuarial Task Force, the Capital Adequacy Task Force, and the Casualty Actuarial and Statistical Task Force, on which he served as chairperson for the past seven years. Under his leadership the task force developed the Actuarial Opinion Summary Model Law and the Medical Professional Liability Closed Claim Reporting Model Law.

Before joining the Connecticut Insurance Department, Purple was a consulting actuary with Anderson Worldwide, now the Accenture Group. He started his actuarial career with Aetna Life & Casualty, where he worked for more than 20 years and earned the title of vice president and actuary in its commercial lines division. Purple became a member of the American Academy of Actuaries in 1979.

The annual award is named after **Robert J. Myers**, who helped structure and fund the nation's largest social insurance program in history during his tenure as the chief actuary of the Social Security Administration from 1947 to 1970. The award was established in 1994 to honor Myer's lifelong commitment to public service. The award is bestowed upon an actuary who has distinguished himself or herself through many years of service in the public sector.

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For more information or digital photographs from the Academy's annual meeting, contact Andrew Simonelli, assistant director of communications for the American Academy of Actuaries, at 202.785.7872. For more information on the American Academy of Actuaries, please visit: [www.actuary.org](http://www.actuary.org).

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