

speak to non-profit groups. Over the years, Cooper's signature piece has been an exhaustively documented, 50 to 100 page study with a five to ten page executive summary. Yet, he has then been able, in a few minutes, to clearly explain this analysis to those with little understanding of the issue. Remarkably, as well as an issues expert Cooper is also an astute issues strategist whose opinions are sought by other advocates. In more than a century of consumer activism, few advocates have done more than Mark Cooper to advance the consumer interest.

ALAN RICHARDSON

For more than three decades as a public power leader, Alan Richardson advanced the consumer interest on energy and communications issues. After working on Capitol Hill following graduation from law school, he joined the American Public Power Association in 1977 as legislative counsel. In this and succeeding positions at APPA, including APPA President and CEO to which he was promoted in 1995, Richardson effectively advocated the interests of the more than fifteen percent of Americans served by public power systems. Since these systems serve as a yardstick for investor-owned utilities, this advocacy also benefited other consumers as well. His leadership of opposition to repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, which was staved off for nearly two decades, was especially beneficial. Also significant were his efforts to protect utility consumers from the rail shipping monopoly, to prevent the privatization of power marketing associations, to fight anti-consumer deregulation proposals, and to expand inexpensive Internet access. In all these battles and many others, Richardson worked closely with CFA and other consumer advocates. First as a policy resolution committee member and then as a CFA Vice President, he also contributed much expertise, good judgment, and organizational support to CFA for many years. Richardson retired last year from both APPA and the CFA Board. He will be remembered for his keen intellect, highly developed political skills, and passion for the rights of electric consumers nationwide.

BETTY FURNESS CONSUMER MEDIA SERVICE AWARD

KATHY KRISTOF

Since entering journalism in 1983, Kathy Kristof has been capably reporting on financial issues. IN 1991 she succeeded Sylvia Porter as the *Los Angeles Times* financial columnist. Since then she has been informing and advising readers of her syndicated column, which is now carried by 50 newspapers. She has also written several highly regarded financial how-to books — *Investing 101*, *The Complete Book of Dollars and Sense*, and *Taming The Tuition Tiger*. Kristof's value to her many readers reflects several traits. She selects important and topical issues. She relentlessly seeks information, even returning all calls from individual consumers. She doesn't write a column until she completely understands the issue, which gives her unusual intellectual independence from her sources. And she effectively engages her readers, often using someone's personal experience as the starting point for a column. Most importantly, she respects her profession and the critical role it plays in a free society. As she has explained it: "If we do our jobs well, we provide the clear, unbiased information that's necessary for the citizens of a democracy to make informed decisions." Kristof is respected by her peers, as evidenced by their awarding her the prestigious John Hancock Award for Excellence in news reporting. But she is most appreciated by her many loyal readers and those of us who seek to advance the consumer interest.

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SENATOR JACK REED

In three terms representing the state of Rhode Island in the U.S. House of Representatives and two terms in the U.S. Senate, Jack Reed has earned a reputation as a thoughtful and capable legislator. He has been a dependable supporter of consumer initiatives on a wide range of issues, with a particular focus on protecting the interests of working class Americans. Consistent with these ideals, he has taken a leadership role in efforts to create a new low income housing trust, to improve consumer disclosures on mortgages, and to provide stronger protections and better alternatives for families facing foreclosure. He has also been a leader in efforts to increase funding for the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program, to give all children access to affordable health care, and to raise corporate average fuel efficiency standards. Since becoming Chairman of the Senate Securities Subcommittee in 2007, Senator Reed has distinguished himself by his impressive expertise in complex accounting and investment issues and by his tough oversight of the Securities and Exchange Commission. That oversight has sought to bring to light the regulatory lapses that led to the current credit crisis, with an eye toward preventing a future recurrence of similar regulatory failures. Combining a sharp intellect with a fundamental decency and a passion for public service, Jack Reed is a fitting recipient of the Philip Hart Public Service Award.

REPRESENTATIVE ROSA DELAURO

Representative Rosa DeLauro touches our lives every day and all Americans are safer and healthier as a result of her forceful leadership of the powerful U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. Since she became chair in 2005, the committee has increased resources for the Food and Drug Administration's and Food Safety and Inspection Service's efforts to protect us from unsafe domestic and imported food and drugs. Her rigorous oversight has forced the Bush Administration to acknowledge and address program weaknesses. She is the author of legislation to modernize archaic food safety laws, emphasizing prevention and creating a more rational, effective administrative structure. She formed and leads the House Food Safety Caucus that provides bipartisan support for these efforts. To protect our most vulnerable citizens, children, Representative DeLauro has assured that food stamp and child nutrition programs are funded. She has also required improvements in safety and nutritional value of school foods. She has worked to improve toy safety and to expand and improve children's health coverage. Representative Rosa DeLauro of the Third District of Connecticut personifies the high public service for which the Philip Hart Award is named.

ESTHER PETERSON CONSUMER SERVICE AWARD

MARK COOPER

For decades, CFA Research Director Mark Cooper has been the consumer movement's leading expert on energy and communications issues, widely respected by researchers, policymakers, industry leaders, and consumer advocates. During this time, he has written seven books, published more than 100 articles, and given countless lectures to university researchers, who appointed him a fellow at both the Stanford Law School Center for Internet and Society and The Donald McGannon Communications Center of Fordham University. In the same period, he has testified more than 100 times before congressional committees and provided expert testimony in more than 250 cases for public interest clients such as Attorneys General and People's Counsels. Despite his erudition (and Yale Ph.D.), Cooper is able to explain highly technical issues to non-experts, which is why he is called almost daily by reporters and is frequently asked to