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Mary Ann Comstock Named Recipient of 2015 NCBFAA Centurion Award

Washington, DC: The National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America, Inc. (NCBFAA) has named Area 1 Director Mary Ann Comstock as the 2015 recipient of its coveted NCBFAA Centurion Award. In addition to her nearly 40-year career of service to the industry and her clients, Ms. Comstock has served on the NCBFAA Board since 2011 and is a member of the NCBFAA Bylaws Committee. She is a Certified Customs Specialist with the NCBFAA.

As the first woman so honored, Ms. Comstock is the latest in a distinguished line of honorees that includes 2006 Centurion Arthur L. Litman, 2007 Centurion Harvey Isaacs, 2008 Centurion Paul Wegener, 2009 Centurion Leonard M. Shayne, 2010 Centurion Peter H. Powell Sr., 2011 Centurion Harold Brauner, and 2013 Centurion Ken Bargteil.

"The NCBFAA Centurion Award is the Association's most esteemed and sincere token of appreciation and respect for an individual whose involvement in the affairs of the industry has been consequential for both the Association and the membership," said NCBFAA President Geoffrey Powell. "In considering candidates for this year's award, the one who really demonstrated the qualities of service, commitment, knowledge and volunteerism that epitomize the essence of this honor is Mary Ann."

Ms. Comstock recently completed her second and final term on the Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs & Border Protection (COAC). During those terms, she served as the co-chair of the One US Government at the Border and was appointed to a number of other COAC subcommittees and work groups, including Antidumping & Countervailing Duty, Global Supply Chain Security – Land Border Initiatives, Role of the Broker and Trade Facilitation. She has been very active in the Northern Border Customs Brokers Association (NBCBA) for the last 35 years, having served several terms as the NBCBA President, and the NBCBA Secretary and Treasurer.

In 1971, she took a job as "summer help" with W.Y. Moberly, Inc., in Sweet Grass, MT. W.Y. Moberly, Inc., was a small regional brokerage firm established in 1926 and owned by her uncle. This experience peaked her interest in the brokerage business, leading her to change her career path as a future librarian and English teacher. She attended Montana State University and graduated with distinction in the fall of 1974. She became a full time employee of W.Y. Moberly, Inc., in 1975 and received her Customs Brokerage License in 1978. She served as the Corporate Secretary for W.Y. Moberly, Inc., from 1980 to 1990, when she assumed the role of President. In 2001, UPS Customhouse Brokerage acquired W.Y. Moberly, Inc. Ms. Comstock was the Mountain Region Manager as the integration of numerous firms acquired by UPS took place. She assumed a new role in 2004 and became the US Northern Border Compliance Manager - the role she fills today.

The Centurion Award will be presented during the Wednesday evening closing reception for the 2015 NCBFAA Annual Conference, April 22 at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Orlando, FL., where everyone will have an opportunity to acknowledge Ms. Comstock's sterling achievement.

Headquartered in Washington, DC, the NCBFAA represents nearly 800 member companies with 100,000 employees in international trade - the nation's leading freight

forwarders, customs brokers, ocean transportation intermediaries (OTIs), NVOCCs and air cargo agents, serving more than 250,000 importers and exporters. Established in 1897 in New York, NCBFAA is the effective national voice of the industry. Through its various committees, counsel and representatives, the Association maintains a close watch over legislative and regulatory issues that affect its members. It keeps them informed of these and other related issues through its weekly Monday Morning eBriefing, and various meetings and conferences throughout the year.

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