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Iron Man Award

Presented to

The Honorable James L. Oberstar

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SINCE BEING ELECTED TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN 1974, CONGRESSMAN JAMES L. OBERSTAR HAS PROMOTED AND PROTECTED AMERICA'S IRON MINING, STEEL PRODUCING, AND GREAT LAKES SHIPPING INDUSTRIES LIKE NONE BEFORE HIM.

-  When unfair trade practices threatened these basic industries, Congressman Oberstar championed measures that restored order to distorted markets.
-  When foreign interests sought to scuttle the Jones Act, Congressman Oberstar was the industry's breakwall, and preserved a domestic fleet that is U.S.-owned, -built and -crewed.
-  When budgetary pressures forced the premature retirement of the icebreaker *Mackinaw*, Congressman Oberstar turned the tide and kept the venerable vessel in service until its replacement was built.
-  Congressman Oberstar has worked tirelessly to break the funding logjam that has stalled construction of a second Poe-sized Lock at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and left the Soo Locks the single point of failure that could cripple Great Lakes shipping for domestic American and Canadian fleets, as well as those trading overseas.
-  Congressman Oberstar has advanced the cause of the St. Lawrence Seaway, which links the Great Lakes to markets world wide.
-  Congressman Oberstar toiled endlessly to reopen iron mining operations and put people back to work.

IN EVERYTHING HE DOES, CONGRESSMAN JAMES L. OBERSTAR IS GUIDED BY THE CORE PRINCIPLE THAT IRON, STEEL, AND GREAT LAKES SHIPPING ARE THE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA'S MANUFACTURING HEARTLAND, STANDARD OF LIVING, AND NATIONAL DEFENSE CAPABILITIES; THEY MUST BE NURTURED FOR THE BETTERMENT OF EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO LIVE IN THE LAND OF THE FREE!

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