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Diana Zaleski, Government Employees Honored

Summit County Executive James B. McCarthy awarded the 2007 Cliff Skeen Lifetime Achievement Award to recently retired Summit County Clerk of Courts Diana Zaleski during the Summit County Employee Recognition Day ceremony held Wednesday, May 30th in Summit County Council Chambers, 175 S. Main Street in downtown Akron.

The award is given annually to citizens who have dedicated their lives to community service. Past recipients of this award include: Summit County government employees and their family members serving in the United States Armed Forces (2006), a posthumous award to Reverend Timothy Crouch (2005), Dorothy O. Jackson (2004), Reverend Ronald Fowler and Pastor Knute Larson (2003), Art Minson (2002), a posthumous award to former State Representative Dominic Basile, Sr. (2001), Father Sam Ciccolini (2000), David Troutman (1999), Nancy Wilson (1998), Frederic L. Zuch (1997), Paul G. Swanson P.E., P.S. (1996), Madeline Bozzelli (1995), Dr. Martha D. Nelson (1994), William Schultz (1943) and State Representative Cliff Skeen (1992).

“Throughout her 30 years of public service, Diana Zaleski devoted her professional and personal life to improving this community’s quality of life,” said Master of Ceremonies Summit County Executive James B. McCarthy. “We are grateful for her contributions and the County of Summit is a better community because of them.”

In December 2006, Diana Zaleski retired from her elected county position as Summit County Clerk of Courts. Her employment with the County of Summit Clerk of Courts Office began in

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January 1976. She was appointed to the position of Clerk of Courts in 1989, won election to an unexpired term in 1990 and was re-elected in 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004.

Under Zaleski's leadership, the Summit County Clerk of Courts Office has made significant advancements toward modernizing the County of Summit's record keeping process. A few of Zaleski's most publicized accomplishments include: expanding the court records website to include the new Summit County Multi-Jurisdictional Search option, moving the Summit County Clerk of Courts Office back into the Summit County Courthouse Complex and launching the Summit County Naturalization Records website.

Throughout her career, Zaleski showed outstanding service and dedication to the citizens of Summit County by serving as a member of the following organizations: Akron Crime Clinic; the Community Health Center; the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Elected Officials and Treasurers; the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association; the Ohio Multi-County Development Corporation; the Ohio Township Association; the Summit County Criminal Justice Advisory Board; the Summit County Records Commission; the Sons of Italy; the Women's Network; and various local and state Democratic organizations.

During the same ceremony, Summit County Officeholders also honored twenty-one Summit County government employees for their valuable contribution to county government.

"Each year, this award ceremony gives officeholders an opportunity to honor employees who have demonstrated outstanding work performances," added McCarthy. "I would like to thank all of the Summit County government employees for their hard work and commitment to county government."

The following employees are recipients of the 2007 Summit County High Point Award:

- **Summit County Executive James B. McCarthy:**
Susan DeChant, Marty Harbin, Ken Knodel and Chuck Spitali

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- **Summit County Clerk of Courts Daniel M. Horrigan:**
Jeannie Bozak and Gwen Rogers
- **Summit County Council President Nick Kostondaras:**
William Mills, III and Kristin Jacobs
- **Summit County Domestic Relations Court:**
Elayne Stockdale
- **Summit County Engineer Greg Bachman:**
Jeff Sabo, Walt Salyer and David White
- **Summit County Fiscal Officer John Donofrio:**
Terry Hinkle
- **Summit County Juvenile Court Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio:**
Martha Jeffries and Jody Tolley
- **Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh:**
Kristen Arapp, Merle Payne, Brenda Robinson and John Ventura
- **Summit County Sheriff Drew Alexander:**
Sue Conley, Kelly Pongracz and Jolene Roth

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