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American Academy of Actuaries to Honor Joan Weiss With Robert J. Myers Public Service Award

WASHINGTON – The American Academy of Actuaries will honor **Joan Weiss, MAAA, FSA, EA**, of Chevy Chase, Md., with the prestigious 2016 Robert J. Myers Public Service Award at the Academy’s Annual Meeting and Public Policy Forum, Nov. 3-4, 2016, in Washington, D.C.

“The American Academy of Actuaries is delighted to announce that we will present the Robert J. Myers Award to Joan Weiss, a deserving public servant who has made extraordinary contributions to the public good,” said Academy President Tom Wildsmith. “Pension plans that serve millions of participants have benefited from Joan’s unflagging actuarial stewardship, spanning her career with the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation and the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries. Joan’s dedication and professionalism earned her respect and praise from her colleagues and from her peers in the actuarial profession. Not only does her service embody the spirit of public service that the Robert J. Myers Public Service Award represents, but she has worked to inspire that spirit within others. She’s served as a mentor for actuaries, and has shared her knowledge with her peers in the profession through service on the Academy’s Social Security Committee, our Committee on Actuarial Public Service, and on the Actuarial Standards Board’s Pension Committee. We applaud and thank her for her work and the example she has set.”

“It is an unexpected honor to receive this award from the Academy,” said Weiss. “The honor belongs not just to me, but also to my many colleagues and friends who have supported and encouraged my efforts to apply the skills and knowledge of the actuarial profession to serve the public.”

The Academy’s Committee on Actuarial Public Service established the Robert J. Myers Public Service Award in 1994. The award is named after Robert J. Myers to honor his lifelong commitment to public service. Myers served as the chief actuary for the Social Security Administration from 1947 to

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1970. Learn more about the award and its past recipients at <http://www.actuary.org/content/robert-j-myers-public-service-award>.

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