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WILLIAM B. PETERBURS, JR.

in recognition of outstanding contributions in preserving our Nation's wildlife resources.

For more than a decade Mr. Peterburs has fostered a sincere concern for the welfare of our natural resources. Despite severe opposition, he has been foremost in efforts to gain support for the steel shot program whose task is to find a nonpoisonous substitute for lead shot which annually kills thousands of waterfowl. His substantial donations of time and money have culminated into contributions that have been multitudinous, significant, and of immeasurable benefit to this Department in its endeavors to gain public acceptance for its program which has encountered considerable public resistance. As a staunch advocate of the use of steel shot for hunting, Mr. Peterburs has authored numerous thought-provoking articles in many national, regional, and statewide publications and has effectively lectured to more than 100 audiences. He has given credibility to his convictions by personally and extensively using the steel shot and enumerating his successful experiences, which have been the subject of many newspaper articles, in his lectures, radio and television interviews, and published articles. Recognizing his efforts and dedication, former Assistant Secretary Reed appointed him citizen representative on the Interior Technical Coordinating Committee on Iron Shot where he served exemplarily during the initial and difficult stages of implementation. As the recipient of the Wisconsin and Milwaukee Conservationists of the Year awards, he has served ably on such committees as the Migratory Study Committee and the Migratory Waterfowl Committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, not only supporting the steel shot program but also the Wisconsin goose program at a time when such support was critical to management agencies. It is the caliber of grassroots support such as Mr. Peterburs has manifested that sustains and provides the impetus for the conservation effort, serving to strengthen public support and to generate enthusiasm for the continuity of efforts directed toward the perpetuity of our Nation's natural resources. As a tribute to an outstanding individual who has distinguished himself by significantly contributing to the fulfillment of conservation and preservation goals, Mr. William B. Peterburs, Jr., is granted the Conservation Service Award of the Department of the Interior.

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