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Local Resident Honored for Support of Fair *20th Year for Outstanding Fair Supporter Recognition Program*

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Jan. 12, 2007) – Kenneth Knoop was recognized Wednesday for his outstanding support to the Shelby County Fair during ceremonies at the 82nd Ohio Fair Managers Association (OFMA) Annual Convention at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Former Ohio Agriculture Director Fred L. Dailey presented Knoop with a plaque honoring his work.

“Kenny’s lifetime commitment to the 4-H and junior fair programs of Shelby County can be an inspiration to us all,” said Dailey. “I am pleased to honor him for his many years of service.”

Knoop has been involved with the fair since he was first an exhibitor in 1931. He served as a member of the Shelby County Fairboard for 33 years. He has also been recognized by the junior fair dairy exhibitors for his dedication to their Gallon of Milk Sales and inducted into the Ohio State Fair Hall of Fame. Recently, Knoop was instrumental in working with county commissioners to secure a land purchase that will be used to construct a new fairgrounds.

Knoop received one of nine OFMA District Awards from Dailey. He represented the Shelby County Fair in District 2, which also includes the Allen, Auglaize, Darke, Hancock, Hardin, Logan, Mercer, Putnam, Van Wert, and Wyandot county fairs.

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