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Miller Center Awards Elizabeth Scott Award for Exemplary Leadership to Dr. Milton T. Edgerton and Patricia Jones Edgerton

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., DEC. 6, 2007— The University of Virginia's Miller Center of Public Affairs proudly honors Dr. Milton T. Edgerton and Patricia Jones Edgerton with the Miller Center Foundation's **Elizabeth Scott Award for Exemplary Leadership**, for their years of dedication to the Center and the Charlottesville community. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, December 6 at 5:00 p.m. in the Miller Center's Newman Pavilion.

Through the award, the Miller Center Foundation acknowledges dedicated volunteers who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to the Center in a leadership capacity, and to the community at large, without expectation of recognition.

"The Elizabeth Scott Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Miller Center Foundation," said Joseph Taylor, executive director of the Miller Center Foundation. "For the award committee to select Milt and Pat Edgerton by unanimous acclamation speaks volumes about all they've given back to the Miller Center and the community."

Dr. Milton T. Edgerton is a highly regarded reconstructive and hand surgeon and is professor emeritus of plastic surgery at the U.Va. Medical Center. He served two consecutive terms on the Miller Center Governing Council and Miller Center Foundation Board of Directors. Dr. Edgerton has also been a strong proponent for the establishment of a School of Public Service at U.Va. and played a key role on the Miller Center's Donilon Committee on Public Service Education. He also served as the president of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons and was founder of the U.S. Plastic Surgery Research Council. He is currently a member of the Jefferson Area Board of Aging (JABA) Board.

Patricia Jones Edgerton is the former president of the Board of Trustees of the W. Alton Jones Foundation. The Foundation was best known for its support of environmental causes and anti-nuclear proliferation groups. She is also founder and trustee emeritus of the Blue Moon Fund, a Charlottesville-based foundation that focuses on improving the human condition by changing the relationship between human consumption and the natural world. Mrs. Edgerton has also served on the boards of the Walters Art Gallery and Peabody Institute in Baltimore, as well as Worldpaper and the W. Alton Jones Cell Science Center.

The Elizabeth Scott Award was established in 2003 to recognize and honor individuals who have exhibited extraordinary leadership, loyalty, generosity, and support of the Miller Center.

The Miller Center of Public Affairs is a leading nonpartisan public policy institution aimed at bringing together engaged citizens, scholars, members of the media, and government officials to focus on issues of national importance to the governance of the United States, with a special interest in the American presidency.

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