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## NEWS RELEASE

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## NCEES honors Louisiana professional engineer Charles Prewitt for service

Charles Prewitt, P.E., of New Orleans, Louisiana, has been posthumously honored with the NCEES Distinguished Examination Service Award for his dedicated service to NCEES and the engineering profession. Prewitt's widow, Patricia, accepted the award on his behalf at the organization's 98th annual meeting, held August 14–17, 2019, in Washington, D.C.

Prewitt was a leader and prolific contributor to engineering licensure exam development for almost two decades.

He became a volunteer with the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Mechanical Exam Development Committee in 2000. He joined the committee during the PE Mechanical exam's transition from a half-essay format to a full multiple-choice, breadth-and-depth exam. He served as vice chair from 2004 to 2008. During this time, he also took a leadership role in the process to update the specifications for the exam. He served as chair from 2009 to 2011. As chair, he led the committee in the initial steps toward computer-based testing by beginning work on a supplied-reference handbook.

After completing his term as chair, Prewitt continued to lead efforts to develop the supplied-reference handbook for the three PE Mechanical exams, work which was completed in 2018. He assisted the PE Structural Engineering Exam Development Committee with its initial efforts to develop a supplied-reference handbook.

Prewitt also developed and implemented a succession plan for committee leadership. The document established eligibility criteria for leadership positions, duration of terms, and other processes that are still used today.

With a reputation for leadership and service, Prewitt, who passed away in July 2018, is remembered for his distinguished commitment to advancing engineering licensure.

## ABOUT NCEES

*The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying is a nonprofit organization made up of engineering and surveying licensing boards from all U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Since its founding in 1920, NCEES has been committed to advancing licensure for engineers and surveyors in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the U.S. public.*

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