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AIPRO recognizes Lowery with Golden Rig award

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The Arkansas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (AIPRO) honored Rep. John Lowery, of El Dorado, with its inaugural Golden Rig award at the group's first annual membership meeting in Little Rock.

“As a charter member of this association, a respected leader in the oil and gas production community and an experienced legislator, John is the ideal person to receive the first-ever Gold Rig award in appreciation of his efforts to promote the state's oil and gas industry,” said AIPRO Executive Vice President J. Kelly Robbins. “Each year, we will present this award to one or more elected officials who recognize and support this important economic sector.”

He represents State House District 6 in the Arkansas House of Representatives, which includes El Dorado and a portion of Union County. He serves as chairman of the House Revenue & Taxation Committee and as a member of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry & Economic Development and the Joint Committee on Energy.

The Arkansas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association is the only nonprofit organization serving all segments of the state's oil and natural gas industry. The association promotes mineral exploration and production, and represents royalty owner interests. For more information, look online at www.aipro.org.

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A high-resolution color image of the award presentation is available at http://picasaweb.google.com/michele.easter/2009AIPROAnnualMeeting?authkey=Gv1sRgCKbH1vH_ocuYPg&feat=embedwebsite#5387680831426567986

Caption: AIPRO Government Affairs Committee Chairman Andy Miller (right), of Southwestern Energy, presents the Golden Rig award to Rep. John Lowery (left), of El Dorado.