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**Fairfax, Virginia**—The National Association of Independent Life Brokerage Agencies (NAILBA) is pleased to announce the recipient of the distinguished Douglas A. Mooers Award, the highest honor bestowed within the insurance brokerage community.

The Mooers Award, named after NAILBA's founding chairman, H. Douglas Mooers, was created in 1986 to annually recognize an individual for outstanding achievement in the independent life brokerage and insurance industry.

The 2002 award recipient is Irving Howard Shaw, founder, chairman and CEO of the Shaw American Financial Corporation in Louisville, KY. Shaw was selected for the award based on his longstanding commitment to the industry and impressive level of community service.

Throughout his career, Shaw has actively participated in more than two dozen organizations in the insurance industry including the Kentucky State Association of Life Underwriters; LIFE, Inc.; Brokers Health Insurance Network; and the Kentucky General Agents and Managers Association. He has held numerous offices in many of the organizations.

Shaw's countless honors include the Medal of Honor awarded by the Kentucky State Association of Life Underwriters and a Lifetime Achievement Award bestowed by the Kentuckiana Women's Life Underwriters. In 1987 the Kentucky Association of Health Underwriters established a distinguished service award in Shaw's name to annually recognize an individual or organization for substantial contributions to the advancement of quality health care.

Shaw is a Chartered Life Underwriter, Registered Health Underwriter, Chartered Financial Consultant, Registered Employee Benefits Consultant, Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow and a licensed and bonded life, health and annuities insurance agent.

Shaw's service to his country and community is extensive. He served as an officer in the Navy during World War II and is a former Mayor of the City of Moorland, KY. Shaw is also a former Scout Master and has held chairmanships in numerous philanthropic organizations.

"Irv's impressive accomplishments, unwavering dedication to the industry and willingness to give back to the community epitomizes the true spirit of the Mooers Award," said Seixas "Chip" Milner, Jr., chair of the 2002 Douglas Mooers Award Committee.

For more information about the Mooers Award and the 2002 recipient, visit [www.nailba.org](http://www.nailba.org) or contact Alicia Luton at 703-383-3081.

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*The National Association of Independent Life Brokerage Agencies (NAILBA) is a nonprofit trade association with 300 member agencies in the US and Canada, representing 100,000 producers who deliver more than one billion dollars in first-year life insurance premium annually. NAILBA is dedicated to fostering the growth of its member agencies by providing educational resources, industry standards and a collective voice for legislative and regulatory efforts. Each of NAILBA's members commits to a statement of responsibilities to ethically and responsibly serve their clients' best interests. For more information about NAILBA, visit [www.nailba.org](http://www.nailba.org).*