



The Property Rights Action Caucus is proud to welcome our newest member Rep. Thelma Drake.

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Charlton Heston: Actor, Patriot, Former PLF Trustee

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Pacific Legal Foundation today saluted the memory of legendary actor and patriot Charlton Heston, who served as a PLF trustee for a period in the early 1990s. Heston passed away on April 5, at age 84.

“Charlton Heston uplifted generations of filmgoers with memorable performances of history’s heroes – from Moses to El Cid, from Michelangelo to Presidents Andrew Jackson, Thomas Jefferson, and Franklin Roosevelt,” said PLF President Rob Rivett. “But he also inspired millions in real life, through his dedicated work in defense of freedom.”

“Charlton Heston refused to live a self-focused life,” said Rivett. “He clearly believed that he had a responsibility to give back, to use his international stature to advance the public good. A passionate lover of his country, he was a tireless and effective activist for constitutional liberties,” Rivett continued.

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Congratulations to Robert J. Smith

Congratulations to Robert J. Smith for receiving the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Competitive Enterprise Institute and the National Center for Public Policy Research. “R. J.” Smith has dedicated over forty-years to steadfastly defending property rights and championing private conservation.



R. J. Smith founded and directs the Center for Private Conservation and also currently serves as Senior Fellow at the National Center for Public Policy Research and as Distinguished Adjunct Scholar at the Competitive Enterprise Institute. He previously served as Senior Environmental Scholar at CEI, Director of Environmental Studies at the Cato Institute, and as a consultant to the Department of the Interior and to the President’s Council on Environmental Quality and as special assistant at the EPA. Mr. Smith coined the term

“free-market environmentalism” and has been the free market environmental movement’s leading formulator and advocate. He has been involved actively in every major environmental issue involving federal lands and private property since the

1960s. In particular, he has been a major advocate of reforming the Endangered Species Act, which he has persuasively argued is failing to protect wildlife because it fails to respect property rights. He has also been the chief chronicler of the history of private conservation efforts and of the environmental degradation caused by public ownership of land. Mr. Smith’s career has combined his lifelong

love of nature and bird-watching with his passionate commitment to a free society. Mr. Smith, an

Oregon native, graduated from Stanford University with a degree in geology and also studied economics at New York University, where he studied under renowned Austrian School economist Ludwig von Mises.

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JOIN THE PROPERTY RIGHTS ACTION CAUCUS!!!

I invite you all to join the new Property Rights Action Caucus for weekly information & for defending these rights. Our liberties are only as secure as our property rights.

We will examine: eminent domain, federal government property ownership, downloading of multimedia, the Endangered Species Act, patent reform, pharmaceutical issues, compulsory licensing, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) & all issues of land and intellectual property.

Please contact Stephen Kraly at 202-225-4101 or stephen.kraly@mail.house.gov for membership and info.

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USTR Plans Another Year Of Elevating IP Protection With Trading Partners

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) last week delivered to Congress its 2008 National Trade Estimate Report (NTE), which includes many intellectual property-related challenges in 62 trading partners around the world. The report shows USTR’s plan to pursue ever-stronger IP protection with its trading partners, large and small. USTR has been seeking stronger intellectual property rights provisions in many of the free trade agreements (FTAs) pursued with various countries. <http://www.ip-watch.org/weblog/index.php?p=994>

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