



## **Research Council veteran is recognized**

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Longtime Public Affairs Research Council researcher Richard "Ty" Keller has been honored by a national association for his 40 years of work with the government policy group. Keller, the organization's senior research associate emeritus, was awarded the Frederick P. Gruenberg Award by the Governmental Research Association at the organization's annual conference in New York last month. The national association has been awarding the honor since 1975 to "individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the profession." PAR President Jim Brandt said Keller's "skill and dedication were essential to the development of PAR as a trusted and credible catalyst for reform in Louisiana." Keller retired from PAR in 2005 but continues to do research on a consulting basis, Brandt said. He said Keller has written or directed research on dozens of reports on a variety of state and local government issues, including comparative taxes, property tax issues, vocational-technical education, education management, community colleges, economic development and analyses for dozens of proposed constitutional amendments. Brandt said several of Keller's reports and research projects have won national awards. PAR is a 60-year-old private, nonpartisan, issues-oriented research organization.