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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: Maurice Ewing Award for Oceanography

1. Purpose. To establish the subject award for excellence in the field of Oceanographic Research.
2. Background. The award is named in honor of the late Dr. Maurice Ewing, pioneer researcher in the fields of oceanography and geophysics. He contributed greatly to the Department of the Navy's knowledge of marine geology and geophysics, sea floor topography, underwater acoustics, and seismology.
3. Establishment and Description. There is hereby established the Maurice Ewing Award for Oceanography to be presented annually in joint sponsorship with the American Geophysical Union to honor distinguished oceanographic research. The award will consist of a medal, struck for the purpose, and suitable certificate bearing the signature of the Secretary of the Navy and the President of the American Geophysical Union.
4. Criteria for Award. In keeping with Professor Ewing's contributions to diverse fields of ocean science and engineering, the award will be granted on the basis of:
 - a. Significant original contributions to understanding diverse physical, geophysical, and geological oceanographic processes; and/or
 - b. Significant original contributions to scientific ocean engineering, technology, and instrumentation; and/or
 - c. Outstanding service to the marine sciences.
5. Action. The Chief of Naval Research is assigned the responsibility to carry out the Maurice Ewing Award program and will promulgate, jointly with the American Geophysical Union, detailed rules and procedures for submission of nominations, selection of recipients, and presentation of awards.

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