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Cabinet Secretary David Martin Honored as Distinguished Engineer at Alma Mater Texas Tech University

Santa Fe, NM – Energy, Minerals and Natural Resource Department Cabinet Secretary David Martin has had many prestigious accomplishments throughout his career, and just added one more. Martin was honored recently as a Distinguished Engineer from Texas Tech University at the 50th Annual Distinguished Engineer Awards Luncheon in Lubbock, Texas.

Martin, who graduated from Texas Tech in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering, was one of seven recognized this year. “I am humbled to have received this award,” said Secretary Martin. “To be selected is truly an honor.”



Distinguished Engineer David Martin

The purpose of the distinguished award program is to honor and recognize former students who have made significant contributions to society, whose accomplishments and careers have brought credit to the Whitacre College of Engineering at Texas Tech University and the engineering profession as a whole.

This program was established during the 1966-1967 academic year which recognized engineering graduates from the 1930s and 1940s. In the past 50 years, a total of 232 engineers have received the award, and Martin is one of only 30 chemical engineers who have been chosen.

Martin's body of work includes 16 patents and he is the author or co-author of more than 60 technical papers on petroleum production. In addition to his degree at Texas Tech, he received a Master of Science degree in petroleum engineering from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

In April 2013, Governor Susana Martinez selected Martin as Cabinet Secretary of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department where he recently developed an Energy Policy and Implementation Plan for the State of New Mexico, the first official energy policy for the state in almost 25 years.

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