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## **Founder's Day Event honors those committed to the community and entrepreneurship**

*Legal services company remembers founder by honoring award recipients*

**ADA, Okla.,** - The legacy of Harland C. Stonecipher, founder of LegalShield, one of the nation's leading providers of legal safeguards, will forever live on as the company has named November 10 "Harland C. Stonecipher Day" and hosted a Founder's Day event in his honor on November 9 to commemorate his life and contributions.

"Harland was an innovative leader that created a solution that creates equal access to justice and ensures ones identity is theirs alone," said Jeff Bell, chief executive officer of LegalShield. "He set a strong legacy that will be remembered for eternity and LegalShield is truly honored to celebrate his life through these celebrations and by recognizing others in the community with the same mission."

During the celebration, Rep. Tom Cole was awarded the Harland C. Stonecipher award for Public Service for his continual service in representing the state of Oklahoma. Rep. Cole is a fifth-generation Oklahoman with a significant background of service to his home state.

"I am honored to receive the Harland C. Stonecipher Award for Public Service in memory of a reputable man such as Harland," said Rep. Tom Cole. "Harland's commitment to the community has made a lasting impact and will forever be remembered."

John Addison, Addison Leadership Group Chief Executive Officer, was awarded the Harland C. Stonecipher award for Entrepreneurial Vision for his contribution to improving the local community and the quality of life for others. Addison is the former Co-CEO of Primerica and currently serves on the Board of Directors for LegalShield.

“Harland’s leadership and desire to foster entrepreneurship was truly remarkable,” said Addison. “His dedication to education, access to services and empowering others has spread throughout his company. I am delighted to receive this award in his memory.”

Harland Stonecipher graduated from East Central State College in Ada, Oklahoma in 1959. In 1969, he was involved in an automobile accident that nearly left him in financial ruin. It was then that he created Pre-Paid Legal Services in 1972, which is now LegalShield. Today, LegalShield, continues Stonecipher’s mission by providing legal protection and identity monitoring services to millions of people across North America.

### **About LegalShield**

LegalShield is one of the North America’s leading providers of legal safeguards for individuals, families and small businesses. The company also offers one of the industry’s most affordable and comprehensive identity theft plans, IDShield. LegalShield plans provide protection to more than 4.1 million individuals, and IDShield provides identity monitoring and restoration services to more than one million individuals across North America. More than 141,000 companies offer LegalShield and IDShield plans to their employees as a voluntary benefit.

For as low as \$20 per month, LegalShield members get access to attorneys with an average of 19 years of experience in areas such as family matters, estate planning, financial and business issues, consumer protection, tax, real estate, benefits disputes and auto/driving issues. Unlike other legal plans or do-it-yourself websites, LegalShield has dedicated law firms in 49 states and four provinces in Canada that members can call for help without having to worry about high hourly rates.

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