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MWRD honors professional engineers during National Engineers Week Feb. 17 - 23

To recognize the role and importance of professional engineers, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners recognized National Engineers Week Feb. 17 to Feb. 23, 2013 by presenting a resolution to the Chairman of the Chicagoland Engineers Week Committee. The national Engineers Week Committee and the engineering profession at large observe the week of George Washington's birthday as National Engineers Week; besides serving as the father of our country and our first President, Washington was also one of its first engineers.

"Professional engineers hold major responsibilities that benefit mankind," said Commissioner Frank Avila, chairman of the MWRD's Engineering Committee. "They are vital to public health and safety, and they have been vital to the work of the MWRD."

The MWRD is known for its accomplishments and pioneering work in the areas of pollution prevention and flood control for the protection and enhancement of the environment. Chicago has been the leader in every era in the implementation of treatment technology.



Donald M. Pries, PE, Vice President of Harry O. Hefter Associates, Inc., and 2013 Chicagoland Engineer Week Committee member, at left, accepts a Board resolution honoring National Engineers Week from MWRD Commissioner Frank Avila, chairman of the MWRD's Engineering Committee during a recent Board meeting.

"The innovations of the MWRD were made possible by the ingenuity and contributions of hundreds of professional engineers and the high standards of performance they maintained," Commissioner Avila said. "Not only do we take the opportunity this week to reflect on our past achievements, we are excited about the advances in technology that the MWRD continues to bring to the wastewater treatment utility industry today."

"I think it is wonderful that Commissioner Avila and the Board of Commissioners pay a special tribute to the contributions of the engineering profession," said Donald M. Pries, PE, Vice President of Harry O. Hefter Associates, Inc., and 2013 Chicagoland Engineer Week Committee member.

Additional information about the MWRD can be found at www.mwrdd.org.