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## Councilman Sax Recognizes Jim Bloss As Citizen Activist of the Year

[Everett, Wash.] Snohomish County Councilman Jeff Sax honored Jim Bloss of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), Snohomish County Affiliate, at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Monroe Chamber of Commerce Community Awards. Sax presented Bloss with a plaque and thanked him for all of his hard work in the community.

“He’s become a permanent fixture in our community, from our board and commissions to volunteer organizations. Always ready to lend a hand and pitch in. He is the type of person that makes our community a better place to live and for that, we recognize him as a Citizen Activist of the Year,” stated Sax.

Bloss and his wife Lynn moved to Snohomish County, where Lynn’s family is from, after he spent twenty years of service in the U.S. Air Force, achieving the rank of Lt. Colonel. Jim owned and operated Monroe’s one and only taxi service for 10 years before dedicating himself to community activism.

“From the Sky Valley Food Bank to NAMI to Adopt-a-Highway, Jim is always there, always willing to lend a hand,” continued Sax. “You do not get involved in a community project in Monroe without hearing his name. He’s worked to assist seniors, the homeless and remember our veterans on Memorial Day.”

Jim has served many of our community’s seniors, joining Catholic Community Services as a half-time employee providing in-home care, marketing and business development. He has also engaged in the community through a number of programs in Monroe including work on the Valley General Hospital bond issues and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. He is also a proud member of Kiwanis.

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

SNOHOMISH COUNTY CITIZEN ACTIVIST AWARD

WHEREAS, after twenty years of service as a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Air Force, Jim Bloss and his wife Lynn chose to return to her roots and settle in Monroe, WA;

WHEREAS, in his state of semi-retirement, Jim Bloss has become a permanent fixture on our community boards, planning committees and volunteer organizations;

WHEREAS, after 10 years of operating Monroe's one and only taxi service, serving many of our community's seniors, Jim joined Catholic Community Services as a half-time employee proving in-home care, marketing and business development;

WHEREAS, Jim has been continuously and consistently involved with a variety of community activities including Valley General bond issues; Memorial Day flag service in Monroe; Adopt-a-Highway; Sky Valley Senior Task Force; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Snohomish County; Sky Valley Homeless Task Force; Kiwanis and the Sky Valley Food Bank;

WHEREAS, he inspires others to shoulder their own civic responsibilities and unfailingly provides positive incentive and encouragement to others, leaving an indelible mark in the Sky Valley as a fervent caregiver and dedicated activist for nearly fifteen years;

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED: That the Snohomish County Council declares Jim Bloss as a Citizen Activist of the Year Award Recipient for his tireless efforts and dedication to our community.

APPROVED THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2005

Gary Nelson, Council Chair

John Koster, Council Vice-Chair

Jeff Sax, Councilmember

Kirke Sievers, Councilmember

Dave Gossett, Councilmember