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New Mexicans Earn Salute for Public Service

Ten New Mexicans will receive the 1988 New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award for contributions to the state and their communities.

Gov. Garrey Carruthers will present the awards June 24 at a banquet at the Albuquerque Marriott Hotel, said Ray Romatowski, chairman of the Distinguished Public Service Awards Executive Committee.

The recipients join 176 New Mexicans who have earned the award, the state's highest recognition for public service, since 1969. The 10 New Mexicans honored follow.

(Note: Only the portion of the article pertaining to Larry Gordon has been copied here)

Larry Gordon, secretary of the New Mexico Health and Environment Department, has received national recognition for the role he played in the passage of numerous state statutes affecting municipal health departments, air quality, water pollution control and occupational safety and health. He was selected from the state category and is a recipient of 15 public health awards, including the Clinton P. Anderson Award from the American Lung Association of New Mexico. In addition to his involvement in traditional health programs, Gordon participated in the Model Cities program, urban renewal, housing conservation and the low rent/leased housing programs.