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**JERE W. SCHULER NAMED RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Lancaster County Resident Is Former Pennsylvania State Legislator & Educator**

Strasburg, Lancaster County, PA—The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is proud to announce the selection of Jere W. Schuler as volunteer of the year for 2010.

“Jere Schuler is a longtime member and valued volunteer at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania,” says Railroad Museum director Charles Fox. “He is a tireless advocate for the Museum and works within several departments including restoration and visitor services. Jere has served with distinction on the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania board of directors and on the Railroad Museum’s advisory council. Whether he is painting a railroad car, or greeting visitors, Jere’s great good humor and positive attitude make him a pleasure to work with and a tremendous asset to the Museum. It is clear that he takes justifiable pride in his many accomplishments here.”

Schuler has been a volunteer at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania for the past 22 years, where he typically gives an average of 350 volunteer hours annually. He served in the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives for 20 years and was a social sciences educator for 26 years in the Lampeter-Strasburg School District, where he also coached football, basketball and baseball.

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A native of Lancaster, Schuler earned a bachelor's degree from Millersville University and a master's degree from Temple University. He currently resides in West Lampeter Township with his wife Renee and has two children—Stephanie Leininger and Jere Schuler—and five grandchildren. Besides his volunteer work at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, and his work with several other community organizations, travel and history are his favorite pastimes.

Schuler was selected from among the Museum's corps of 150 active volunteers for this honor. He will be formally recognized as volunteer of the year during the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania's annual Members Day banquet on Saturday, September 25, 2010.

The more than 100 historic locomotives and vintage railroad cars in the collection of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania chronicle the heritage of a society on the move. From classic woodburners and mammoth steam locomotives to sleek, electric-powered and diesel engines, visitors discover the colorful and dynamic history and technology of the industry that built our nation. Visitors can take the throttle on a simulated run in a real freight locomotive cab, sit in an engineer's seat, climb aboard a caboose, explore an early 20th century replica passenger station, inspect a 62-ton locomotive from underneath, view restoration activities in real time via closed circuit TV, enjoy fun and interactive, educational exhibits and browse the Whistle Stop Shop museum store. A number of historic engines and railroad cars are open to experience.

The official railroad museum of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the world-class Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, with the active support of the non-profit Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

For information on Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania volunteer opportunities, programs, operations or collections, call (717)687-8628 or visit www.rrmuseumpa.org.

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