



**The Jackie Crews Award
for Excellence in Leadership**

**Acclamations from colleagues and friends for ED TURNER,
winner of the 2006 JACKIE CREWS EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD:**

“Mr. Turner is an advocate who embodies the four values of leadership for which Jackie Crews is remembered...independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination. Mr. Turner’s service, leadership and significant achievements have reached and benefited many individuals with disabilities.”

“Like Jackie Crews, Mr. Edmund Turner has worked to successfully improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and will continue his quest for positive change. Mr. Turner is at the pinnacle of his illustrious career that has demonstrated a strong vision and understanding of how to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. He possesses a record of efforts and accomplishments that have affected a wide disability population and serves as a powerful force for enhancing the opportunities for people with disabilities to participate fully in all aspects of society.”

Paul Wehman, Ph.D.
Director, VCU-RRTC on Workplace Supports

“Ed has served as a strong and consistent voice for people with disabilities on [the Olmstead Advisory] Committee. He is highly regarded by his fellow Committee members—not only for his experience and knowledge, but also for his character. Ed demonstrates at every point that he is an extremely effective self-advocate who believes strongly in the right of all people with disabilities to live as independently as they choose.”

Julie A. Stanley, Director
Community Integration for People with
Disabilities

“Mr. Turner’s appointment to and service with statewide organizations from the Statewide Independent Living Council to Virginia’s Olmstead Advisory Committee has been exemplary. His commitment to the philosophy of consumer control provides a unique and important perspective unmatched by most. Mr. Turner’s contribution to policy and programmatic systems change has been invaluable to our State.”

James A. Rothrock, Commissioner
Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services

“I know of no one more deserving. ...Ed is a fine young man who works diligently on behalf of our citizens with disabilities. The four stars on the award logo representing independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination describe Ed perfectly. He is truly a self-advocate who has demonstrated excellence in Virginia through his work on behalf of the disabled.”

Franklin P. Hall, Minority Leader
House of Delegates, Virginia General Assembly

“I can think of no other Virginian who better exemplifies the four key leadership qualities recognized in this award...”

C. Richard Cranwell, Chairman
Democratic Party of Virginia