

# Program

## WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Kathy Martinez

Assistant Secretary, *Office of Disability Employment Policy*

## PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Armed Forces Color Guard/Military District of Washington (MDW)

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lisa Lahrman

Supervisory Program Manager, *Office of Disability Employment Policy*

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Project Search Graduates and Workforce Recruitment Program Interns

## INTRODUCTION OF THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, HILDA L. SOLIS

Kathy Martinez

Assistant Secretary, *Office of Disability Employment Policy*

## REMARKS AND INDUCTION INTO THE HALL OF FAME

Hilda L. Solis

*Secretary of Labor*

## TRIBUTE TO JUSTIN DART, JR. AND ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

Kathy Martinez

Assistant Secretary, *Office of Disability Employment Policy*

Yoshiko Dart

*Widow of Justin Dart, Jr.*

## TRIBUTE TO HELEN KELLER AND ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

Patricia Shiu

Director, *Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs*

Keller Johnson-Thompson

*Great-Grand-Niece of Helen Keller*

## REFLECTION ON THE ADA

Tony Coelho

*Former Congressman and an Author of the ADA*

## CLOSING REMARKS

Christine Griffin

Deputy Director, *Office of Personnel Management*

Musical Selection by the DOL Choir

*Reception Following the Ceremony*

# Celebrating 20 years of the AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

*Induction of*  
**Justin Dart, Jr.**



**Helen Keller**

*into the*

*U.S. Department of Labor*

*Hall of Fame*

Friday, July 30, 2010 ~ 2:00 pm

U.S. Department of Labor  
Great Hall



# Justin Dart, Jr.



*“Get into politics as if your life depended upon it. It does.”*

Justin Dart, Jr. (1930-2002) is widely regarded as the “*father of the Americans with Disabilities Act.*” Thanks to his tireless efforts and leadership, the landmark legislation passed and now serves as the

foundation for equal opportunities for people with disabilities.

Mr. Dart was both a successful businessman and a lifetime advocate for the rights of people with disabilities, women, people of color, and the gay and lesbian community. In 1989, he was appointed Chair of the President’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (a precursor to DOL’s Office of Disability Employment Policy) where he advocated for full civil rights for people with disabilities, including the right to employment based on abilities. Mr. Dart received five presidential appointments and numerous honors, including the Hubert Humphrey Award of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and the nation’s highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

# Helen Keller



*“Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all.”*

Helen Keller (1880-1968) taught the world that everyone has something positive to contribute when she or he is given an opportunity. Ms. Keller advocated for many services for people with disabilities, including

talking books, a uniform Braille system, and social security benefits for the blind. She was an advocate of one of the first disability employment efforts, the Randolph-Sheppard Act of 1936, which created opportunities for people with visual impairments to run newsstands on federal property and in federal buildings around the country. As a major fundraiser for the American Foundation for the Blind, she proved instrumental in assisting people with visual impairments in the areas of technology, education, independent living, literacy, and employment, and provided assistance in the formation of the foundation’s special service for persons who are deaf-blind. She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and was elected to the Women’s Hall of Fame at the New York World’s Fair.

*About the Inductees*