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# CIGIE Statements on the Passing of Former IG June Gibbs Brown

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Allison C. Lerner and Mark Lee Greenblatt, Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) issued the following statements regarding the passing of June Gibbs Brown.

June Gibbs Brown was part of the first class of Inspectors General nominated by President Jimmy Carter and confirmed by the Senate after the passage of the Inspector General Act of 1978. She served as the first statutory Inspector General of the Department of the Interior until 1981. That year, President Ronald Reagan nominated her to be the Inspector General at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, where she served for four years. In 1987, President Reagan again asked IG Brown to serve her country, this time as the Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Defense.

IG Brown is most often remembered for her achievements as the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services, a position that she held between 1993 and 2000. During her tenure, she oversaw the expansion of operations at both HHS and HHS OIG in the aftermath of the passage of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), and she served as the first IG of the Social Security Administration when it was carved out of HHS.

In light of her extensive contributions to the federal oversight community, CIGIE bestows an annual award named after her: the June Gibbs Brown Career Achievement Award. This award is given each year to one person who has served for at least a decade in the OIG community and who has made significant and sustained contributions that furthered the goals of the Inspector General Act throughout his or her career.

CIGIE Chairperson and National Science Foundation IG Allison C. Lerner:

"We are greatly saddened by the passing of June Gibbs Brown, who was a pioneer in the federal oversight community. She and her colleagues in that first cadre of Inspectors General proved that having independent IGs

located within executive branch departments was both valuable and feasible. June's leadership in those early years helped lay the foundation for the thriving oversight community we have today. CIGIE will continue to celebrate and honor her memory each year when we bestow the June Gibbs Brown Career Achievement Award."

CIGIE Vice Chairperson and Department of the Interior IG Mark Lee Greenblatt:

"We are saddened by the loss of June Gibbs Brown, who has been an inspiration to many of us in the Inspector General community. Throughout her storied career, June served her country under four different Presidents, including by serving as the first statutory Inspector General for the Department of the Interior after the passage of the Inspector General Act in 1978. She was a champion for breaking down barriers and ensuring that auditors and investigators worked closely together to advance the OIG's mission of combatting fraud, waste, and abuse."

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