

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF: MAHBOOB KHAN



A tireless champion of oppressed Muslims everywhere, Mahboob Khan devoted his life to serving Muslims and the cause of Allah. He was a committed worker for the cause of Kosovar Muslims. He was the founder of the American Muslims for Global Peace and Justice that joined other American organizations in taking relief and supplies to Iraq. He was also an active member of the Indian Muslim Relief Committee (IMRC) of ISNA.

Dr. Khan was born on March 31, 1939 in Madras, India. He migrated to Boulder, CO in 1966 to complete his masters and doctoral degrees in solid-state physics.

As a student, Dr. Khan was active in establishing the Muslim Students Association (MSA) of USA and Canada, that later transformed into the Islamic Society of North America, and served as its west zone representative. He also served on the board of the North American Islamic Trust (NAIT). Upon moving to California, Dr. Khan worked to establish the Islamic Society of Orange County (ISOC) that eventually included an Islamic center, a mosque and an elementary school. He also served as president of ISOC. After moving to San Jose, he immersed himself in establishing the Muslim Community Association (MCA) which, under his leadership, established two mosques, an Islamic center and the Granada Islamic School. He served as president and board chairman of MCA.

Mahboob Khan passed away on the 16th of April 1999, and is missed by all who knew him. Inna Lillahi we Inna Ileyhi Raji-uun. May Allah protect his family and his five children.

The Community Service Recognition Award is given in remembrance of the great efforts and achievements of Dr. Mahboob Khan, and to serve as an example and inspiration to others.

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JIMMY CARTER



Jimmy Carter (James Earl Carter, Jr.), 39th president of the United States, was born Oct. 1, 1924, in the small farming town of Plains, Georgia and grew up in the nearby community of Archery.

He was educated in the public school of Plains, attended Georgia Southwestern College and the Georgia Institute of Technology, and received a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Naval Academy in 1946. In the Navy he became a submariner, serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets and rising to the rank of lieutenant. Chosen by Admiral Hyman Rickover for the nuclear submarine program, he was assigned to Schenectady, NY, where he took graduate work at Union College in reactor technology and nuclear physics, and served as senior officer of the pre-commissioning crew of the Seawolf, the second nuclear submarine.

Jimmy Carter served as U.S. president from Jan. 20, 1977 to Jan. 20, 1981. Significant foreign policy accomplishments of his administration included the Panama Canal Treaties, the Camp David Accords, the Treaty of Peace between Egypt and Israel, the SALT II Treaty with the Soviet Union, and the establishment of U.S. diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China. He championed human rights throughout the world. Domestically, his administration's achievements included a comprehensive energy program conducted by a new Department of Energy; deregulation in energy, transportation, communications, and finance; major educational programs under a new Department of Education; and major environmental protection legislation, including the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

On Dec. 10, 2002, the Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded him the Nobel Peace Prize for 2002 "for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development."

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## AWARD RECIPIENT: OSMAN AHMED



Dr. Osman Ahmed, the first Director of MSA's headquarters in Gary, Indiana, was born in Alexandria, Egypt. He earned his Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Alexandria University and was one of five engineers selected to work with the newly formed Egyptian Atomic Energy Commission in the late 1950's. In 1959, he was then selected for the American Atoms for Peace Program to do graduate study in nuclear engineering at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, MI.

While completing his graduate studies, he met Dr. Ahmed Sakr, co-founder of MSA, U.S. & Canada, at the University of Illinois in 1966. At that time, Dr. Sakr invited Dr. Ahmed to organize the fourth annual MSA convention. With no prior experience organizing large events, Dr. Ahmed pulled off a very successful event for 250 Muslims.

In 1969, Dr. Ahmed was elected president of MSA. That same year, MSA established its first headquarters in Gary, IN, 220 miles from Ann Arbor, MI, where Dr. Ahmed volunteered to be its first director.

In 1971, while he was still director of the headquarters, he established the International Muslim House in Ann Arbor, MI, the first Muslim dormitory owned by MSA as well as the first masjid in the area. In 1972, he and his entire family moved to Indiana to better oversee headquarter operations.

In 1975, Dr. Sakr asked Dr. Ahmed to join him at the Muslim World League, as its associate director in New York. Three years later in 1978, Dr. Ahmed was elected president of the Islamic Center of Jersey City in New Jersey and continued serving the community for many years.

He is now ex-officio president of the Islamic Society of Essex County and remains active in managing operations and fundraising.