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Harold Hughes, Iowa's senior U.S. Senator, is the 1974 recipient of the Davenport Catholic Interracial Council's Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award, Andrew R. Edelen, CIC president announced today.

Senator Hughes, who has confirmed plans to be in Davenport to formally accept the award on March 1, becomes the ninth person, the first Iowan and the first in-office politician to be so honored since the award was created by the CIC in 1964.

Other award winners over the decade have been John Howard Griffin, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Sargent Shriver, A. Philip Randolph, Father James Groppi, Saul Alinsky, Jesse Jackson, and Dorothy Day.

The Iowa senator, who is completing his first term in the U.S. Senate, was the unanimous choice of the CIC Board of Directors.

"Senator Hughes admirably qualifies to join the distinguished humanitarians who have honored us by accepting the Pacem in Terris award these past ten years," Edelen noted in making the announcement.

The Senator's concern for disadvantaged and minorities in Iowa and in the nation, his efforts on behalf of equal educational opportunity in every section of the country, his major role in getting landmark federal legislation in the crucial areas of alcohol and drug abuse, as well as his forceful leadership for peace in the nation's recent involvement in the Vietnam War, were especially noted by the CIC Board in making its selection, Edelen stated.

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The Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth) award was originally established in 1964 on the first anniversary of the publication of Pope John XXIII's famous encyclical letter of the same name. It was intended that the award both honor the well-known humanitarian impulses of the late Pope and, at the same time, pay tribute to individuals making singular contributions to peace and freedom in our time.

The award will be formally presented to Senator Hughes at a dinner in the cafeteria of Assumption High School, Davenport, on the evening of Friday, March 1.

A native of Iowa, Senator Hughes has spent all of his life in the State with the exception of his recent years as senator in Washington, D.C., and his tours of duty as a World War II serviceman in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

Before his election to the U.S. Senate in 1968, Hughes served three terms as Governor of the State being awarded in his 1964 re-election the largest plurality the voters of Iowa have ever given any candidate for statewide office.

It was during his terms as governor that the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and the Commission on the Aging were established, capital punishment abolished, financial aid to public schools quadrupled, and rehabilitation became the chief emphasis in the state correctional institutions and mental hospitals.