



### **RESOLUTION FOR DAVID BURKE DISTINGUISHED JOURNALISM AWARDS April 11, 2014**

WHEREAS, the David Burke Distinguished Journalism Award was named after David W. Burke, who was the founding chairman and leader of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for its first three years;

WHEREAS, the award recognizes courage, integrity and originality in reporting by journalists within the BBG broadcast organizations;

WHEREAS, the broadcasters' stories enlighten and inform listeners and exhibit a commitment to the free exchange of ideas; and

WHEREAS, the submissions for the David Burke Distinguished Journalism Award met the following established criteria:

- Individual performance in any area of international media: reporting, writing, editing, or production.
- An individual can be nominated for a single story, a body of work or exceptional performance, such as extreme bravery or hardship in reporting a story.
- The work must inform and enlighten listeners, affecting their lives in a meaningful way, and show a high degree of originality.
- The work should exhibit a commitment to the cause of democracy and the free exchange of ideas.
- Nominees can be permanent or contract employees working for U.S. international media.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Broadcasting Board of Governors grants an award to the following individuals who demonstrated exceptional performance:

Voice of America (VOA) -- Anne Look, Bagassi Koura and Idrissa Fall: In recognition of their outstanding contributions to VOA's coverage of violent extremism and insurgencies in Africa.

Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB) -- Rolando Rodriguez Lobaina: In recognition of his work inside of Cuba for OCB.

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's Kyiv Bureau: In recognition of the team's coverage of the crisis in Ukraine, providing live-blogged coverage and dramatic video from the epicenter of the violence, in-depth analysis, eyewitness stories, and reactions from different sides, including government supporters.

Radio Free Asia (RFA) -- Moe Thu Aung: In honor of Moe Thu Aung, who tragically succumbed to massive brain injuries resulting from a traffic accident while on assignment for RFA in Mandalay, for his exemplary and courageous field reporting for the advancement of press freedom and the public interest of the Burmese people.

Middle East Broadcasting Networks' Alhurra correspondents Maitham Al-Shibani and Omar Adnan Al-Obaidi: In recognition of their outstanding bravery, integrity, and professionalism to impart information that serves the public interest.