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## GPO'S PRODUCTION MANAGER ACHIEVES 45 YEARS OF SERVICE

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Government Printing Office's (GPO) Production Manager John Crawford has achieved 45 years of service to GPO and the Federal Government. Crawford began his career at GPO in 1966 as a journeyman bookbinder on the night shift. Forty-five years later, Crawford has been promoted seven times and works as Production Manager overseeing the production of some of our Nation's most important documents, including the President's Budget, *The Congressional Record*, *The Federal Register*, *The Code of Federal Regulations* and legislative bills, hearings and reports. Throughout his years of service, Crawford has worked on secure projects, including the implementation of the electronic passport, and contributed to the agency's transition into the digital age.

"I feel like I am contributing to the agency and when I can no longer contribute then I will retire," said Production Manager John Crawford. "I am open to change to make things better. I continue to train to be on top of technology and up-to-date with new processes because I think they are efficient and cost effective. GPO employees are the best people to work with and the agency is the best place to work in the Government."

One of his first jobs in the late 1960s was producing secure test forms for the U.S. Air Force. Crawford was promoted to his first management position in 1972 and was responsible for coordinating and overseeing the production of President Nixon's inaugural materials. In the 1980s, Crawford led the team to automate the passport binding process, which was previously done by hand. As technology has advanced and GPO's workforce has decreased, Crawford has worked with GPO management to combine and reorganize plant departments to maintain efficiency and to continue to meet the needs of Congress, Federal agencies, and the public. Prior to being named Production Manager in 2007, Crawford was Superintendent of the Binding Division for 14 years. John is one of three generations of Crawfords to work at GPO. Crawford's grandfather worked at GPO in the early 1900s and his son Nick currently works at GPO as a graphic designer.

"On behalf of GPO, I want to congratulate and thank John for his 45 years of service," said Public Printer Bill Boarman. "John's leadership and knowledge are crucial to the successful day-to-day and future operations of GPO. John is an asset to the agency and I look forward to continuing to work with him for years to come."

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