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CONGRESSMAN SARBANES AND PUBLIC PRINTER BOARMAN WELCOME TOWSON UNIVERSITY TO FDLP

WASHINGTON—Rep. John P. Sarbanes (MD-3) and Public Printer William J. Boarman emphasized the importance and usefulness of Government information at an event at Towson University. Sarbanes and Boarman welcomed Towson University's Albert S. Cook Library into the U.S. Government Printing Office's (GPO) Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Through the FDLP, GPO partners with 1,220 libraries nationwide to provide free public access to published information of all three branches of the Government. The university will have access to thousands of documents of Federal Government information in print and digital formats to share with the public, faculty, students, and staff of Towson University. Some of those documents include: the *U.S. Code*, *Code of Federal Regulations*, and *Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents*.

"The Federal Depository Library Program provides a critical link between government and the citizenry through free and unrestricted access to government documents and information," said Congressman John P. Sarbanes. "I was very pleased to support Towson University's inclusion in the program."

"I extend my thanks to Representative Sarbanes and Towson University for joining me in welcoming the library into this important program for the American people," said Public Printer William J. Boarman. "FDLP members are an asset in their communities and provide the critical function of making available Government information in print and digital formats."

"This designation as a Federal Depository Library will allow Towson University to make vital Government information more easily accessible to people throughout the university and the broader community," said Dean of University Libraries Deborah A. Nolan. "By providing streamlined public access to Government information, the Albert S. Cook Library advances Towson's commitment to civic engagement, community outreach, and metropolitan responsibility."

With 2,200 employees, GPO is the Federal Government's primary resource for producing, procuring, cataloging, indexing, authenticating, disseminating, and preserving the official information products of the U.S. Government in digital and print formats. GPO is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three branches of the Federal Government, including U.S. passports for the Department of State as well as the official publications of Congress, the White House, and other Federal agencies. In addition to publication sales, GPO provides for permanent public access to Federal Government information at no charge through GPO's Federal Digital System (www.fdsys.gov) and through partnerships with approximately 1,220 libraries nationwide participating in the Federal Depository Library Program. For



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