Philadelphia University Alumnus Martin Zeldin
Receives Time, Talent & Treasure Award
at National Constitution Center

PHILADELPHIA (May 3, 2004) — Martin Zeldin, a member of the Class of 1955 and one of the first textile professionals to enter the emerging textile waste industry, recently received Philadelphia University’s Time, Talent and Treasure Award at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.

“Marty Zeldin personifies the mission of Philadelphia University personally and professionally,” says John Pierantozzi ’70, the University’s vice president of Development and Alumni Relations. “His contributions to the industry, to this institution and to the larger community are commendable and we are pleased to recognize him with this award.”

Zeldin earned a BS in Textile Engineering in 1955. His studies included coloration, fabric design and textile construction, all of which served him well when he entered the textile waste industry as the owner of a woolen spun yarn company and a textile waste export company. With partner James Jarrett, he founded Martex Fiber Southern Corp., with facilities in South Carolina and offices in Philadelphia. An affiliate, Jimtex Yarns, was established in 1998 in Georgia. Jimtex is the only U.S. manufacturer that recycles pre-consumer apparel waste into yarn for many uses.

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The Zeldin Family Foundation was established to advance the cause of women and children in need through donations to educational programs that promote basic needs, scholarship and exposure to fine and cultural arts. Zeldin also serves on the board of the Samuel S. Fleisher Art Memorial in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia University, founded in 1884, is a private university with 3,500 part- and full-time students from 38 states and 42 countries. The University offers more than 40 undergraduate and graduate degree programs leading to the bachelor of science, bachelor of architecture, master’s degrees and a doctoral degree. Academic programs encompass architecture, design, business, engineering, textiles, fashion, science and health.

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Photo caption: Pictured at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, Pa., Philadelphia University President James P. Gallagher (right) with Martin Zeldin ’55 (left), recipient of the University’s 2004 Time, Talent and Treasure Award.