The Insurance Library Association of Boston’s Insurance Professional of the Year Award Winner is selected because he or she has “earned the respect and affection of the insurance community and is recognized as hardworking, public-spirited, and trustworthy.” We believe that this year’s recipient, The Honorable Francis X. Bellotti, embodies these traits.

Frank Bellotti’s work to establish Arbella Insurance helped save jobs and limit disruption to the notoriously complex Massachusetts auto insurance marketplace. While his work in the insurance industry has been noteworthy, it was through his position as Attorney General that Frank Bellotti demonstrated his profound concern for the Commonwealth.

Frank Bellotti says of his political career, which spanned nearly 40 years, “Unless I was in government or running, I was only 70 percent alive. . . . That always consumed me -- the potential for affecting the way people live, which you can’t do in any other business.” The Insurance Library and all of the organizations represented on this page are grateful for that passion. We recognize that we are not alone in believing that Frank Belloti’s work as Attorney General was of extreme value to the community as a whole.

By awarding Frank Bellotti the Insurance Professional of the Year Award, we are proud to join the many other organizations that have already honored him. It is with great pleasure and pride that we congratulate him on his fine achievements. We look forward to showing our appreciation more fully on October 18th, when he is presented with The Insurance Professional of the Year Award.