Vaughn Declaration

 Whereas, Susan B. Long began working with the Freedom of Information Act more than forty years ago, when she was one of the first persons to realize the Act’s potential for shedding light on federal government operations.

 Whereas, together with her husband Philip Long, she utilized the FOIA with uncommon success in its early decades, most particularly as an agent of change at the Internal Revenue Service.

 Whereas, she promoted government openness also as a remarkably successful FOIA litigant, leading to the creation of such litigation precedents as Long v. IRS, in which the government received only its second FOIA cert denial (after Vaughn v. Rosen itself).

 Whereas, more than twenty years ago she founded the Transactional Records Clearinghouse (TRAC) with David Burnham, which has through both FOIA requests and FOIA litigation made comprehensively available to the public detailed information on federal enforcement, staffing, and spending.

 Whereas, in so doing so she has uniquely influenced the development of the FOIA during its formative years and beyond.

 Therefore, Susan B. Long is singularly deserving of this recognition as recipient of the 2012 Robert Vaughn FOIA Legend Award.

 It is hereby declared under penalty of perjury, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the foregoing is true and correct.

 March 16, 2012