LEADBETTER PRESENTED NASA MEDAL

Hampton, Va.--Sumner A. Leadbetter of Hampton was presented a NASA Exceptional Engineering Achievement Medal October 29 at the Annual Honor Awards Ceremony at NASA's Langley Research Center.

His citation read, "For recognizing the benefits and developing the technology of scaled-model dynamic testing and applying this technology to understanding the Space Shuttle structural dynamics behavior."

Leadbetter, who retired in December 1980, is a distinguished research associate at Langley working in the area of dynamic testing and structural dynamics.

At NASA-Langley since 1951, Leadbetter has worked as an aeronautical research intern, an aerospace technologist and a section head.

Leadbetter received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Maine in 1951.

The author or co-author of over 50 technical publications and presentations, Leadbetter has received five Special Achievement awards and three Group Achievement awards.

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Leadbetter is a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

He and his wife, Doris, have a son and a daughter.

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