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NORTH WEST UNIVERSITY (NWU) SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND GOVERNANCE (SBG) ECONOMIST PROF RAYMOND PARSONS RECEIVES SINGULAR ACADEMIC AWARD

At the Gala Dinner of 2017 Biennial Conference of the Economic Society of SA (ESSA) in Grahamstown last Thursday August 31 ESSA conferred Honorary Life Membership on prominent economist Prof Raymond Parsons 'in recognition of distinguished service to the economics profession and the Economic Society of SA.' Prof Parsons has lectured on economics at several universities and is currently at the NWU School of Business and Governance. He is a Past-President of ESSA and has authored or edited five books on various aspects of SA's political economy.

In his citation for the award of the Honorary Membership to Prof Parsons the President of ESSA, Prof Gavin Keeton, referred to the major contribution which the recipient had made to public and academic debate in SA over several decades. He said Prof Parsons had become an eminent authority on the SA economy and its implications for the business community, especially through his long-established high level involvement in organized business and policy-making. Previous recipients of this rarely conferred award include former Finance Minister Trevor Manuel and previous SARB Governors Tito Mboweni and Chris Stals.

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