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JUDITH JONES TO RECEIVE JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

New York, May 8, 2006—Knopf Vice President and Senior Editor Judith Jones will be honored tonight with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the James Beard Foundation, an organization dedicated to preserving, nurturing, and celebrating America's culinary heritage, at a ceremony to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Manhattan.

Mrs. Jones, who started at Knopf in 1957, has worked with many esteemed cookbook authors including Julia Child, James Beard, Marion Cunningham, Lidia Bastianich, Marcella Hazan, Madhur Jaffrey, Irene Kuo, Edna Lewis, Joan Nathan, Jacques Pépin, Claudia Roden, and Nina Simonds, among many others. Mrs. Jones edited Julia Child's first book, *MASTERING THE ART OF FRENCH COOKING*, and was also instrumental in bringing to publication the current bestseller, *MY LIFE IN FRANCE*, Child's posthumous memoir that was written with her grand-nephew, Alex Prud'homme.

"I first met Judith Jones twenty years ago," says Sonny Mehta, Chairman of the Knopf Publishing Group, in a video that will be aired during the ceremony this evening. "I knew that she was responsible for the American publication of *THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK*; that she had worked with such luminaries as Jean-Paul Sartre and Albert Camus; and that she had discovered a strappingly unconventional cookbook author named Julia Child. Through the years, I have come to know Judith as a lady of impeccable taste. Her body of work as an editor remains unrivaled in the industry. Absent Judith, cookbook publishing as we know it today would not exist. Tonight, it seems particularly poignant for Judith to be receiving an award named for James Beard, with whom she worked so closely and for so long. All of us at Knopf are incredibly proud and honored to work alongside her."

In addition to her culinary writers, Mrs. Jones has worked with such distinguished authors as Anne Tyler, Langston Hughes, Elizabeth Bowen, William Maxwell, John Hersey, Peter Taylor, and, for more than 40 years and fifty-odd books, John Updike.

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