Left to right: Trustee C.D. Smith and Dr. William F. (Bill) Scaggs, President Emeritus of Meridian Community College, who received the IHL Board of Trustees’ Community Service Award for his commitment to working to enhance the quality of life for all citizens through his public service and more than 50 years as an educator.
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