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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT DEDICATES NEW BUILDING AT PATUXENT TO DR. IRA N. GABRIELSON

The Department of the Interior announced today that a new building will be dedicated at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center near Laurel, Md., on October 11 to house its Migratory Bird Populations Station.

The building is being named the Ira N. Gabrielson Laboratory after the long-time wildlife conservationist who celebrated his 80th birthday on Sept. 27. Dr. Gabrielson has been president of the Wildlife Management Institute since he retired from the post of director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1946.

The dedicatory address at the 2:30 p.m. ceremony will be delivered by Under Secretary of the Interior Russell E. Train. An "appreciation" of Dr. Gabrielson will be given by Leslie Glasgow, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Parks and Marine Resources.

The dedication brings under one roof the operations of Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in studying North American migratory bird population dynamics.

The Station has been the repository for North American bird banding records since its establishment in 1961. Its scientists analyze breeding and wintering ground surveys of migratory birds, national surveys of hunting activity, and migratory game bird harvest statistics. This research is used each year for setting waterfowl hunting regulations, and provides a base for management operations.