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State Representative Lipps wins Legislator of the Year Award

(Lebanon, OH) – This month, State Representative Scott Lipps was recognized by the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities (OACB) as “Legislator of the Year”. Representative Lipps received his award at the 36th Annual OACB Conference in Columbus, where he was celebrated for his successful endeavor in raising the wages for Direct Support Professionals (DSP’s) working in the DD industry.

The Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities is a non-profit organization that provides advocacy, communications, professional development, and technical assistance to all 88 of Ohio’s county boards of developmental disabilities. With the mission to build a strong, connected, and inclusive Ohio, where people have the opportunity to choose the life they want, the OACB acknowledges and awards exceptional DD professionals each year.

The “Legislator of the Year Award” is presented to an elected or appointed official who exhibits high accomplishments in legislative leadership on behalf of Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families. During the FY2020-21 state budget process, Representative Lipps was a vocal advocate for raising wages for DSP’s and coordinated efforts between Ohio Assembly members to put additional state funds behind the DSP wage increase. These efforts were instrumental in a \$2 wage increase that went above and beyond the originally introduced budget.

State Representative Scott Lipps expressed humility regarding the recognition by the OACB, “This award makes my heart so happy. I promise to stand with you as we strive for inclusion, equality, wage increases, new transportation models, and improvements in quality of life!” Representative Lipps is serving his second term in the Ohio House of Representatives. He currently represents the 62nd Ohio House District which includes much of Warren County.

Megan Manuel, Superintendent of Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities (WCBDD) beamed, “I am so thrilled that Representative Lipps was recognized as the 2019 Legislator of the Year by OACB. He is a great advocate for the people we serve in Warren

County and throughout the state of Ohio.” Manuel then applauded Representative Lipps saying, “This award is well deserved, and we are proud to have him representing Warren County.”