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## Representative Brooks Receives Wisconsin Counties Association's "Outstanding Legislator Award"

State Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) was honored today by the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) with a "WCA Outstanding Legislator Award" for his work on behalf of county government during the 2019-2020 Legislative Session.

"As a former county board chairman, Representative Brooks has a deep understanding of county issues and the challenges facing our local governments in every corner of the state," said WCA Executive Director Mark D. O'Connell. "He is an incredible partner for Wisconsin's 72 counties, as well as a true advocate for the taxpayers. We are proud to present him with this award."

Representative Brooks was the principal author of several bills important to county government, including consolidation of services; the transportation swap (allowing the state to swap a portion of federal funds within local transportation programs with existing transportation dollars); closing the dark store loophole; and holding the line on property taxes.

"The relationship between the state and counties is critically important and our work with Representative Brooks is valued and appreciated," said O'Connell. "Together, we have been able to make meaningful impacts for Wisconsin that reach far beyond the confines of his district."

The "WCA Outstanding Legislator Award" is handed out biennially to a select group of legislators who have represented county interests in both the legislature and in their districts. These legislators have demonstrated leadership for counties on key issues, legislation and the state budget.

In addition, Representative Brooks' staff of Darla Flemming and Christopher Schaefer both received a "WCA Outstanding Legislative Staff Award" for their efforts on behalf of the Wisconsin Counties Association.

"Staff is imperative to the legislative process and we recognize these dedicated individuals with our awards," said O'Connell. "We are excited to name Darla and Christopher as 'WCA Outstanding Legislative Staff' and are grateful for their partnership with our WCA Government Affairs Team."

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WCA represents the interests of county government both on the state and federal levels and is located in Madison, Wisconsin. For more information, visit www.wicounties.org.

Attached please find an electronic photo of Representative Brooks (left) receiving his WCA Outstanding Legislator Award today from WCA Government Affairs Associate Daniel Bahr.

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