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## **Rep. Mark Born Receives WEDA's Champion of Economic Development Legislative Award**

**Madison, WI** – The Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) recently presented State Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) with the organization's 2022 "Champion of Economic Development" award for his work on legislative initiatives to drive economic growth in Wisconsin. The award presentation, which was attended by local economic development professionals and community officials, took place at a downtown Beaver Dam business.

"Representative Born exhibited great leadership during the 2021-22 legislative session on proposals to help address Wisconsin's top economic challenges, and we appreciate the opportunity to thank him for his work on issues important to the economic development community," said Michael Welsh, WEDA V.P. of Legislative Affairs. "He understands the importance of forward-thinking policies that provide communities and businesses with the tools and opportunities for growth, and WEDA is thrilled to recognize his legislative efforts."

The "Champion of Economic Development" award is presented at the end of each legislative session to state lawmakers who demonstrate extraordinary support for important economic development policies. This year WEDA is presenting the award to 20 state lawmakers who showed an exceptional commitment to growing Wisconsin's economy based on several factors, including voting record, sponsorship of legislation, and responsiveness to critical economic development issues.

Rep. Born earned the "Champion of Economic Development" designation for his leadership during the state budget process on key economic development initiatives, ranging from talent attraction funding and rural broadband expansion to tax relief and preservation of the Manufacturing and Agriculture Tax Credit. He was also a strong advocate on proposals to encourage the development of much-needed workforce housing.

Born, who was first elected to the Wisconsin Assembly in 2012, represents the 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which covers a large portion of Dodge County, including the Cities of Beaver Dam, Horicon, and Mayville. He serves as the Assembly Chair of the Legislature's powerful Joint Finance Committee.

The Wisconsin Economic Development Association, founded in 1975, is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to growing Wisconsin's economy. Driven by the needs of our members, we represent the economic development interests of both the private and public sectors through professional development, best practices, and advocacy.

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