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Rep. May Earns Park District Honor

HIGHLAND PARK – State Rep. Karen May (D-Highland Park) was presented with the Illinois Association of Park Districts’ (IAPD) “2006 Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award” at the organization’s annual conference on January 27 in Chicago in front of an audience exceeding 4,000 guests.

“I am proud to support strong recreational programs and open lands enjoyed by families all across Illinois,” said May. “This award only deepens my commitment to providing the legislative support our park districts need to deliver outstanding leisure and conservation opportunities.”

May was nominated for the award by park districts serving her district and the IAPD Board of Trustees because of her active leadership in conservation, environmental protection, recreation programs for people with disabilities, and the open space land acquisition and development program. For two consecutive years, she was instrumental in securing grants for the Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association. These grants funded the development of a new and innovative program for adults with disabilities that will enhance their quality of life through recreation and fitness.

“Representative May is protecting the environment for our use and for the use of future generations,” said IAPD’s President and CEO Ted Flickinger. “She led a unique environmental coalition to remove mercury, a toxic heavy metal, from our environment. Representative May is truly an outstanding legislator.”



May is currently serving her fourth term as State Rep. for the 58th District. She recently created and chairs the Illinois General Assembly’s Environmental Caucus and is committed to organizing members of the Legislature to address global climate change. She also chairs the House Environmental Health standing committee. May can be reached at (847) 433-9100, or by e-mail at karenmay58@aol.com.

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