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Sen. Patty Birkholz Recipient of MTA Township Champion Award

(Lansing, MI) – The Michigan Township Association (MTA) awarded State Senator Patricia L. Birkholz their MTA Township Champions award at the 57th Annual Educational Conference and Expo at the DeVos Center, in Grand Rapids. Sen. Birkholz received this special award in front of around 1,300 township officials, legislators, vendors and guests at the Association’s Annual Banquet on Thursday, January 28, 2010.

Sen. Birkholz, a Saugatuck Republican, represents the 24th District (Allegan, Barry and Eaton counties.) She chairs the Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee; serves as vice-chair of the Local, Urban and State Affairs Committee; is a member of the Agriculture & Bio-Economy Committee and the Energy Policy & Public Utilities Committee. Birkholz is also the Michigan Representative to the Great Lakes Legislative Caucus. She has sponsored 286 pieces of legislation, of which 99 have become public acts.

“The MTA has decided to honor Sen. Birkholz’s years of service at the local level and her 14 years of service in the Legislature with this very special, and rarely given out, award,” said David Bertram, a Legislative Liaison/Team Leader for MTA. “The MTA could honor her for all of her major accomplishments, but we especially applaud her efforts related to township government.”

Birkholz began her career as a teacher in the Ottawa County Head Start program. She has served as the Allegan County Treasurer, on the district staff of U.S. Congressman Fred Upton, was a Saugatuck Township Treasurer, Trustee and Park and Recreation Commission member.

She has a B.S. degree from Western Michigan University.