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Rep. Mike Lahti Recipient of MTA's Legislator of the Year Award

(Lansing, MI) – The Michigan Township Association (MTA) awarded State Representative Mike Lahti their 2009 Legislator of the Year award at the 56th Annual Educational Conference and Expo at the DeVos Center, in Grand Rapids. Rep. Lahti received the award in front of over a thousand township officials, legislators, vendors and guests at the Association's Annual Banquet on Thursday, January 28.

In 2006, Lahti was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives. He represents the 110th House District, which is located in the Western Upper Peninsula (Powell Township in Marquette, Keweenaw, Houghton, Ontonagon, Gogebic, Iron and Baraga counties). Lahti is a member of the Appropriations Committee, where he is Chair of the Natural Resources Subcommittee. He also sits on the Corrections Subcommittee, General Government Subcommittee and Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittees of the Appropriation Committee.

“Since coming to Lansing, Rep. Lahti's priorities have included creating good-paying jobs for Michigan workers, expanding educational opportunities for all residents and protecting the Great Lakes and Michigan's natural resources.” said David Bertam, a Legislative Liaison/Team Leader for MTA. “These factors made Lahti a natural choice for our 2009 Legislator of the Year award.”

Raised in Hancock, Mike is married to Sharon, also of Hancock. They have six children and nine grandchildren.