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Insurance Institute of Indiana Presents Awards

INDIANAPOLIS – At the Insurance Institute of Indiana’s annual meeting, held June 8, 2006, Representative Cleo Duncan and Darcy Keith were recognized for the outstanding work they did this past year.

Representative Cleo Duncan received the Institute’s “Legislator of the Year” award for her leadership on Senate Enrolled Act 339 dealing with the certificate of salvage titles. During the legislative session, Duncan brought the interested parties together to work on a compromise dealing with the calculation of repair costs for damaged vehicles. The negotiations brought about a change in the current statute that allows more flexibility in these calculations, benefiting consumers.

“As chair of the House Roads and Transportation Committee, Cleo showed great leadership in resolving this important matter. Her commitment to seeing this issue through the legislative process benefited all concerned,” said Steve Williams, Institute president.

Darcy Keith, the daughter of Darrel and Ramona Wilkinson of Rushville, was awarded the Institute’s Insurance Grassroots Network Award of Merit. This award recognizes individuals that have been highly active grassroots members contacting their elected officials at the state or local level voicing their opinion on issues impacting Indiana's insurance industry.

During the past year, Keith was actively involved in an effort to defeat a proposal before the Indianapolis City-County Council that would have implemented a user fee for the police investigation of motor vehicle accidents. She also testified before the Senate Homeland Security, Utilities and Public Policy Committee in support of Senate Bill 88, which would have required the use of seat belts by all passengers in both cars and trucks.

The Insurance Institute of Indiana is a non-profit state trade association representing property/casualty, health and life companies doing business in Indiana.