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REPRESENTATIVE ALAN BAKER RECEIVES CLAS LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Montgomery, Alabama, June 11, 2019: Rep. Alan Baker, a member of the Alabama House of Representatives, has been awarded the prestigious CLAS Legislative Leadership Award. This award was presented at the 2019 Annual CLAS Convention at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center during the Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

The Legislative Leadership Award is presented by the CLAS Board of Directors to an Alabama legislator for outstanding support of school administrators and for dedication to the state's school children. Although not awarded annually, this honor is bestowed upon a legislator when CLAS believes there is an outstanding individual who exemplifies the criteria.

CLAS executive director, Dr. Vic Wilson spoke on Baker's contributions to public education, saying the representative passed a bill which allows a member of the Teachers Retirement System (TRS) to take up to two years of his or her benefit as a one-time partial lump sum in exchange for a reduced lifetime monthly distribution. Baker also pushed for the creation of Tier 3 to improve the recruitment and retention of Alabama teachers.

Baker accepted the award in front of a room full of CLAS members, who all play a role in public education in Alabama.

Baker has been serving in the Alabama House of Representatives since 2006. Prior to this, he devoted 27 years to public education both as a teacher and a coach.

"CLAS, and the school leaders we represent, are honored to present State Representative Baker with this award for his leadership and support of public education in the Alabama Legislature," said CLAS Executive Director Dr. Vic Wilson.

About CLAS: CLAS, the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools was founded in 1969 by a small group of school leaders to provide targeted professional learning and support for Alabama's public school administrators. CLAS now serves eleven affiliates representing each type of public school/school system leader. CLAS provides the framework to connect dedicated school administrators and other successful leaders with a network for professional growth and support. CLAS is the premier professional learning provider for administrators in public schools in the state of Alabama.

Photo: Representative Alan Baker (center) receives the CLAS Legislative Leadership Award plaque from 2018-2019 CLAS President Dr. Tamala Maddox (Right) with CLAS Executive Director Vic Wilson (Left). [DOWNLOAD PHOTO](#)

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