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Todd Rokita Honored as Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association “Industry Champion”

Washington, DC – This week the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA), during its 9th annual Legislative Summit, will present Representative Todd Rokita with the Joseph M. Magliochetti Industry Champion award.

MEMA is a trade organization that represents automotive parts suppliers; the largest manufacturing sector in the United States. The organization represents over 700 companies, which employ nearly 70,000 Hoosiers.

Indiana’s 4th District is home to several MEMA members including Meritor, Inc. (Plainfield), Alcoa (Lafayette), Wabash National (Lafayette), TRW Automotive, Inc. and Federal Mogul (Frankfort).

Rokita issued the following statement when the award selection was announced earlier this year.

“I want to thank the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association for this award and for its efforts to promote policies that will strengthen America’s largest manufacturing sector. Motor vehicle parts manufacturers are providing hundreds of thousands of quality jobs in Indiana and across America while creating the technology that is making today’s vehicles safer and more fuel efficient. Our combined efforts will help keep this important industry strong and improve our nation’s economy,” Rokita said.

MEMA President Bob McKenna praised Representative Rokita for his leadership and support of motor vehicle parts suppliers.

“Our members are grateful for Representative Rokita’s leadership in securing a bipartisan letter to the Government Accountability Office to investigate the federal government’s use of remanufactured products in federal fleets. Also, our members strongly support your work on the House Education and the Workforce Committee to reign in the recent aggressive actions by the National Labor Relations Board, and commend you for co-authoring the Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act and the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act which both passed the House earlier this year.”

The Joseph M. Magliochetti Award’s namesake was a visionary in modern-day manufacturing, notably, as the CEO & Chairman of Dana Corporation. MEMA presents this award annually to public officials demonstrating leadership on behalf of the parts manufacturing industry.

MEMA will present Rep. Rokita with the award at a special luncheon on Thursday, March 1 in Washington, DC.

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