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Rep. Hanna Named “Cooperator of the Year” For His Strong Support of Rural Communities

Salem, OR – The Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association presented Representative Bruce Hanna (R-Roseburg) with the “Cooperator of the Year” award at their annual meeting last week for his strong support of electric cooperative utilities in keeping electricity costs low in rural communities throughout Oregon.

“Having grown up in rural Oregon, Rep. Hanna understands the challenges of running a small business while not driving up costs up from unnecessary mandates and restrictions,” said Dave Sabala, Manager of Douglas Electric Cooperative. “Rep. Hanna is not only a friend of co-ops, but he is also deeply involved in the local communities he represents through his extensive involvement on community boards,” added Ron Doan, Manager of the Umpqua Indian Electric Cooperative.

“This award means so much to me because it is presented to me by co-op managers who I have worked with and admired for over 20 years,” said Rep. Hanna. “I remain committed to bringing my hands-on experience with running a small business to the Legislature to make sure that this perspective is represented in Salem,” Rep. Hanna said in accepting the award. Rep. Hanna is the House Minority Leader representing District 7, which includes parts of Douglas and Lane Counties.

The “Cooperator of the Year” award is presented annually to the legislator who best exemplifies the principles of cooperation, local decision making and prudent fiscal management.

The Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association represents the 18 electric cooperative utilities in Oregon. These utilities serve in 34 of Oregon’s 36 counties and provide electricity to 200,000 customers.

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