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IBA members & PAC-supported candidates find success on election night

The Indiana Builders Association (IBA) members on the ballot found success on November 5 as well as numerous candidates supported by IBA's PAC, the Indiana Builders PAC. As the votes were counted across the state, all IBA members seeking election or re-election to the Indiana General Assembly were victorious.

One of the highly contested races in the state saw State Representative Dale DeVon square off in a rematch from two years ago with his opponent Heidi Beidinger, in House District 5. DeVon, a home builder and Life Director of the Indiana Builders Association, is a long-time member of the HBA of St. Joe Valley. His district is routinely one of the most contested in the state and this year was no different. DeVon was once again victorious, securing victory for another two-year term in the Indiana House of Representatives by a margin of 55% to 45%.

"The IBA and its affiliated PAC supports candidates for office that are pro-housing and pro-growth. Our efforts to recruit and retain candidates for office in the Indiana General Assembly and statewide elected office are critical to the success of the state. Legislators who understand the importance of safe and affordable housing and economic development help make Indiana a destination for companies to locate and set-up shop. These jobs also need a place to sleep at night," commented Rick Wajda, IBA's CEO.

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State Rep. Dale DeVon pictured with IBA leadership. L-R: IBA Secretary Andrew Brindley, 2023 IBA President Ric Zehr, Rep. DeVon, and 2024 IBA President Kenny Reinbrecht.

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch receives Indiana Builders Association's highest distinction

The Indiana Builders Association (IBA) awarded the 2024 John C. Hart Presidential Award, its highest award, to Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch during IBA's Annual Conference and Board of Directors Meeting.

Crouch has been a staunch ally and advocate for housing across the state of Indiana. Whether it was serving as State Auditor, State Representative, or Lt. Governor, housing issues have always been an important part of her agenda. Among many of her legislative accomplishments, IBA is particularly fond of her authorship of HB 1046 in 2011 that allows for a property tax deduction for spec homes in Indiana, and her work on HB 1575 in 2023 to recreate the Fire Prevention & Building Safety Commission.

IBA's highest housing award is named in honor of John C. Hart, Sr. who served as Chairman of the Indiana House Ways and Means Committee in the early 1970s. Hart was known for being instrumental in restructuring Indiana's property tax system with then-Governor Doc Bowen. Hart is also the only Hoosier to serve as President of the National Association of Home Builders and one of five Hoosiers inducted into the National Housing Hall of Fame. The John C. Hart Presidential Award is reserved to a select few who have made unselfish commitment and extraordinary contributions to the industry, the Association, or to one's community. •



Lt. Gov. Crouch accepts the John C. Hart Presidential Award from IBA President Kenny Reinbrecht.

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