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Rural Counties Present Senator Mike McGuire with 'Legislator of the Year' Award

SACRAMENTO, CA – January 21, 2016 -- The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) announced today that it has awarded Senator Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg) with the annual "Patti Mattingly Award" for 2015. The Patti Mattingly Award is given to a policymaker who has demonstrated leadership on rural issues, and exhibited an understanding of the unique challenges that rural communities face.

"California's rural counties face unique challenges and obstacles when dealing with state and federal policies, and it can often be difficult to effectively communicate these challenges to Sacramento," said RCRC Second Vice Chair Rex Bohn, Humboldt County Supervisor. "We truly appreciate Senator McGuire's open and collaborative approach to decision making, and look forward to continuing to work with him and his office in the coming years."

RCRC's Patti Mattingly Award was established in memory of former Siskiyou County Supervisor Patti Mattingly, who exhibited tremendous courage, commitment, and ability to promote constructive solutions surrounding rural issues. The recipients are selected annually by the RCRC Board of Directors.

"I'm so grateful for this honor and I can't thank the dedicated team at RCRC enough for their partnership all throughout this first year in the Senate," said Senator McGuire. "It's an incredible privilege to work on behalf of the rural counties and small communities that make Northern California the best place to live in America. Together, we're going to continue to fight to ensure the hard working residents of rural California have the resources they need to thrive into the future."

In addition to Senator McGuire's understanding of rural issues, examples of important rural related actions by Senator McGuire in the State Legislature include:

- Leading the charge on wildfire recovery efforts in Lake County;
- Authoring medical marijuana legislation that helped formulate a regulatory framework;
- Authoring a measure regarding the collection of applicable local transient occupancy taxes; and,
- Bringing California into compliance with federal law as it relates to jet fuel sales revenues.

Supervisor Bohn presented the Patti Mattingly Award to Senator McGuire during RCRC's Annual Installation of Officers Reception on Wednesday January 20, 2016. An image from the presentation can be accessed [here](#).

ABOUT RURAL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES OF CALIFORNIA (RCRC)

The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) is a thirty-five member county strong service organization that champions policies on behalf of California's rural counties. RCRC is dedicated to representing the collective unique interests of its membership, providing legislative and regulatory representation at the State and Federal levels, and providing responsible services for its members to enhance and protect the quality of life in rural California counties. To learn more about RCRC, visit rcrcnet.org and follow @RuralCounties on Twitter.

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