**[LRA Legislative Advocacy Report (](http://lareading.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/12/LRA-Legislative-Advocacy-Report-March-2014.pdf)**July 2018)

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Congratulations to our LRA Advocacy Committee. We have been informed that we received the ILA Advocacy Award again this year. Thanks to all members who sent in legislative information to committee members, who scheduled legislators or community leaders to visit their school or council meeting or who participated in Calls for Action, or Action Alerts. Your help made the difference! The Award would not have been possible without your assistance.

This year, the LRA Advocacy Committee petitioned the LRA Board of Directors to approve a new award. Thankfully, they voted that we could include the ***Legislator of the Year Award*** in our repertoire of LRA Awards! The first recipient of the annual Award will be Representative Frank Hoffmann who has been supportive of education, schools, students, and educators for many years in our state.

**Prior to entering politics, Representative Hoffmann spent 41 years in the Ouachita school system as a teacher, principal, personnel director, and, assistant superintendent.**

**Hoffmann is vice chairman of the House Education Committee and also serves on the Retirement and Ways and Means committees. He is also a member of the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay and the Legislative Rural Caucus.**

**Hoffmann holds a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Education, and Ed.D. (since changed to Ph.D.) from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, formerly Northeast Louisiana University.**

We are proud of Rep. Hoffmann and grateful to his continuous support of education.