

McNally Named Legislator of the Year

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.-- The Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference has named Senator Randy McNally, R-Oak Ridge, as its 2012 Legislator of the Year.

“This is certainly an honor as I have tremendous respect for our state’s district attorneys,” McNally said. “It has been an honor to work with them over the years, and I look forward to continuing our efforts when the legislature reconvenes next January.”



The Legislator of the Year award is not presented every year; rather, it is presented by Tennessee’s district attorneys when the group takes special note of an elected official whose work to support public safety and promote justice goes above and beyond that of his or her peers.

“Senator McNally exemplifies what Tennesseans should expect from our public servants,” said Guy Jones, deputy director of the conference. “His integrity, fairness and commitment to making Tennessee a safe place to live, work and raise families are just a few of the reasons we are pleased to work with and recognize him.”

Representing the 5th Senatorial District (Anderson, Loudon, Monroe and part of Knox counties), Senator McNally received his Bachelor of Science degree from Memphis State University in 1967 before graduating from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in 1969.

“I have worked with Randy McNally for more than a quarter-century, and his contributions to public safety are without parallel,” said John Gill, special counsel in the Knox County District Attorney’s Office.

McNally served as a hospital pharmacist at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge, Tenn., from 1978 until 2010.

Since taking public office in 1979 as a member of the 91st Tennessee General Assembly, McNally served in the Tennessee House of Representatives prior to the state Senate. He is currently the chairman of the Finance, Ways and Means Committee, the chairman of the Council on Pensions and Insurance, and vice chairman of the Rules Committee.

Additional recent honors McNally has received include the 2012 Tennessee Court Appointed Special Advocate Association President’s Award; the 2012 Guardian of Small Business award from National Federation of Independent Business, Tennessee; the 2012 Tennessee Bureau of Investigation award for Legislative Assistance to the TBI; and the 2010 Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police Legislator of the Year.

McNally is married with two children and three grandchildren.