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AESA Honors Rep. GT Thompson with Congressional Service Award

Washington, D.C. — The Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA) is proud to announce that Congressman Glenn "GT" Thompson (R-PA) was selected as the recipient of the 2025 AESA Congressional Service Award in recognition of his outstanding support for federal education legislation.

The AESA Congressional Service Award recognizes members of the U.S. Congress or federal agencies who demonstrate exceptional leadership in advancing federal policies and funding that benefit students, educators, and communities nationwide. This year, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), AESA is honoring Rep. Thompson for his long-standing commitment and leadership for IDEA full funding.

"Congressman Thompson has been a tireless champion for ensuring Congress provides schools with the resources they need to support students with disabilities," said Joan Wade, AESA Executive Director. We are grateful for his continued leadership and partnership in creating inclusive, career-ready, and well-resourced learning environments for all students."

Although Congressman Thompson was unable to attend the Advocacy in Action Conference, held September 17–19 in Washington, D.C., a member of his staff graciously accepted the award on his behalf.

About AESA

The Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA) is a national organization dedicated to supporting regional educational service agencies in their mission to improve educational opportunities and student outcomes. AESA provides professional development, advocacy, and leadership support to its member agencies nationwide. For more information about AESA and its programs, please visit https://aesa.us.

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