Geography Legislator of the Year Award

Recognizing Congressional Leadership in Geography Education

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On February 26, 2014, National Geographic Education recognized four members of Congress as the 2013 Geography Legislators of the Year: Senator John Boozman (R-AR), Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Representative Robert Aderholt (R-AL), and Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT). The event included a welcome breakfast and special remarks by Gil Grosvenor, NG Chairman of the NG Education Foundation Board, Emeritus, who remarked on each Member’s support of geography education.

The Geography Legislator of the Year award recognizes key Congressional leaders for their commitment to making high-quality geography education available for all K-12 students, preparing young Americans to succeed in an international future.

**Award Recipients**

**2013**
- Senator John Boozman (R-AR)
- Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)
- Representative Robert Aderholt (R-AL)
- Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

**2012**
- Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO)
- Senator Jerry Moran (R-KA)
- Representative Tom Cole (R-OK)
Representative Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX)

2011
Senator Mike Johanns (R-NE)
Senator Christopher A. Coons (D-DE)
Representative Fred Upton (R-MI)
Representative Mazie K. Hirono (D-HI)

2010
Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
Senator Susan Collins (R-ME)
Representative Tom Petri (R-WI)
Representative Emanuel Cleaver, II (D-MO)

2009
Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)
Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
Representative Vernon Ehlers (R-MI)
Representative Susan Davis (D-CA)

2008
Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA)
Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Representative Tim Walz (D-MN)
Representative Roy Blunt (R-MO)

2007: Inaugural award to honor the four lead sponsors of the Teaching Geography is Fundamental Act
Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS)
Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT)
Representative Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)
Representative Roger Wicker (R-MS)

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