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Press Release

Illinois State Senator William R. Haine (D-Alton), from the 56th Senate District, has been selected to receive the 2015 Robert R. McClarren Legislative Development Award for his long-standing and significant legislative support to benefit libraries in Illinois.

“The Illinois Library Association’s Public Policy Committee and Awards Committee are most honored to present this year’s Robert R. McClarren Legislative Development Award to Illinois State Senator William R. Haine,” said David J. Seleb, ILA’s Public Policy Committee Chair and Executive Director of the Oak Park Public Library. “Senator Haine has demonstrated his staunch commitment to libraries in Illinois through his legislative advocacy, in the finest tradition of Robert McClarren, the founding director of the North Suburban Library System and the award’s first recipient. Our Association looks forward to presenting the award to Senator Haine at its annual conference scheduled for October 2015 in Peoria,” Seleb added.

Born and raised in Alton, Haine continues to live in the Mississippi River town of 30,000, about 15 miles north of St. Louis, Missouri with his wife, Anna. They have seven children and 27 grandchildren, soon to be 30 by the end of the summer.

Haine, a graduate of Saint Louis University, served his country in the Vietnam War, then earned the degree of Juris Doctor from the Saint Louis University School of Law. He was a member of the law firm Bono and Haine in Wood River from 1978 to 1988, and then was elected as Madison County State’s Attorney. His background as a State’s Attorney has led to his sponsorship of legislation directed at protecting the public.

Appointed to the State Senate in 2002, Haine brings a true commitment to his constituency, having served as chair of the Senate Insurance Committee as well as a member of the Criminal Law, Judiciary, and Licensed Activities and Pensions committees. He also serves as a majority whip. Haine’s membership in civic organizations includes the Alton Cemetery Board of Trustees, the Illinois State Bar Association, the Knights of Columbus, the Saint Anthony Hospital Health Center Board, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion.

Throughout his career, Haine has consistently voted in favor of library laws and most recently supported the library community’s intellectual freedom concerns. He was nominated by the Six Mile Regional Library District in Granite City, Illinois.

The Robert R. McClarren Legislative Development Award will be presented at the Awards Gala held on Friday evening, October 23rd, during the 2015 Illinois Library Conference in Peoria.

For further information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

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