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Rep. Whisnant Honored With Virtual Backpack Award for Education Choice Efforts

Salem, OR—At the Oregon State Capitol yesterday, Rep. Gene Whisnant (R-Sunriver) accepted a “Virtual Backpack Award” from the Oregon Connections Academy Parents Association (ORCAPA). Rep. Whisnant was honored for his many years of legislative service and advocacy for school choice on the behalf of parents and students.

“It is nice to be recognized for the work that I’ve done on these issues,” Rep. Whisnant said. “I will continue to work to ensure that future generations have the greatest possible opportunities to receive the best education available.”

Also receiving the Virtual Backpack award were Rep. Vicki Berger (R-Salem), Rep. Bruce Hanna (R-Roseburg) and Rep. Betty Komp (D-Woodburn).

During the same ceremony, Rep. Sal Esquivel (R-Medford) and Rep. John Huffman (R-The Dalles) were presented with the Golden Apple Award by the Oregon Virtual Public School Alliance.

Rep. Gene Whisnant is serving his sixth term as State Representative for Redmond, Sunriver, Tumalo and parts of Bend and Deschutes County.