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**SENATOR RANDY HEAD AND LILLY ENDOWMENT INC. RECEIVE AWARDS DURING STATEWIDE
PHILANTHROPY CONFERENCE**

(Indianapolis, IN) Senator Randy Head (R, Logansport) and Lilly Endowment Inc. were among those recognized during the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance statewide conference on June 11-12, attended by 250 private, corporate and community foundation leaders and others connected to philanthropy in Indiana. Keynoter Robert Lupton, author of the nationally acclaimed book *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help, and How to Reverse It*, challenged the sector to look at their grantmaking with a new perspective. During the conference, IPA recognized outstanding leaders of Indiana philanthropy: Sen. Head was acknowledged as the 2014 Public Policy Champion of Philanthropy for his efforts to improve the lives of Hoosiers through the work of Indiana's 94 community foundations and affiliate funds; Lilly Endowment Inc. was recognized for their key role in stimulating and supporting the growth and success of Indiana's community foundations over the past 23 years as part of their Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) initiative; Barbara A. Young, Porter County Community Foundation was honored with the Hazelett Award for Leadership in Grantmaking; and Jaime Toppe, Scott County Community Foundation received the Spirit of Youth Philanthropy award.

Senator Randy Head was named the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance 2014 Public Policy Champion of Philanthropy for his long-standing support of Indiana's community foundations and the role they play in improving the lives of Indiana's residents. In addition to serving on the board of the Cass County Community Foundation over the past 10 years, Senator Head has been a supporter of public policy that encourages and promotes philanthropy in our state. He authored proclamations in 2011 and 2012, signed by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels proclaiming Community Foundation Day on July 25, 2011 and May 6-12, 2012 to recognize and support local philanthropy. And during this year's session of the Indiana General Assembly, Senator Head authored a resolution honoring the centennial anniversary of the community foundation movement in this country, which was unanimously adopted by the Indiana Senate on February 24, 2014.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the first community foundation established in Cleveland, Ohio; Lilly Endowment's GIFT initiative began in 1990, with multiple subsequent phases of funding to seed the growth and success of community foundations in Indiana, bringing together local citizens with a vision and a passion for their community to create something together. The Endowment was acknowledged for their visionary leadership and commitment to Indiana's success through this nationally acknowledged community foundation network. With a combined \$2.6 billion in managed assets and annual grants of more than \$120 million to improve life in their communities, Indiana's community foundation network of 94 foundations and affiliate funds serves every county in Indiana, more than any other state in the country.

Barbara A. Young, President & Executive, Porter County Community Foundation was named the recipient of the 2014 Hazelett Award for Leadership in Grantmaking. This award recognizes the efforts of a professional or volunteer leader in philanthropy who embodies the spirit of philanthropy displayed by the late Susie Hazelett – someone with the highest of standards, integrity and creativity, who

mentors and nurtures development in others, and who is acknowledged as a giver of time, talent and other resources.

Jaime Toppe, Executive Director, Scott County Community Foundation received the Spirit in Youth Philanthropy Award for her outstanding leadership and support of youth engagement in philanthropy in Scott County. Under her guidance, the Scott County Community Foundation Youth Grantmaking Council has been providing youth in the county the opportunity to learn about and practice philanthropy while developing their leadership skills. Last year the Council raised over \$3300 and awarded grants totaling \$3400 to youth-serving organizations in Scott County.

Indiana Philanthropy Alliance (IPA) is a nonprofit membership association of the state's private, community, public and corporate foundations, corporate giving programs, and other grantmaking organizations and philanthropic partners. Its members hold more than \$12 billion in assets and award more than \$600 million in grants each year. The mission of Indiana Philanthropy Alliance is to champion, support and connect members as they transform Indiana through effective philanthropy.

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