

Senator Bill Larkin

39th District: Parts of Orange and Ulster Counties

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LARKIN NAMES KEVIN McGUIRE FOR STATEWIDE AWARD

Senator Bill Larkin (R-C, Cornwall-on-Hudson) today named Kevin McGuire of Newburgh as the 39th Senate District recipient of the New York State Senate's 2005 "Achiever's Award." The prestigious award recognizes an individual's ability to overcome personal, physical challenges and honors that person's accomplishments on behalf of the community.

"The Achievers Award is a special honor because it recognizes extraordinary individuals for the remarkable work they do," said Senator Larkin. "I am especially pleased to honor Kevin McGuire. His strength of character, uncompromising determination, generosity, and unwavering dedication to the rights of all persons with disabilities have served as an inspiration to us all."

Kevin McGuire is one of the nation's leading consultants on the Americans With Disabilities Act. He is the founder, chairman, and CEO of McGuire Associates Inc., a consulting firm in Newburgh, New York that helps public and private institutions comply with the ADA.

After 9/11/01, Mr. McGuire developed specific strategies and published extensive articles on the emergency evacuation of people with disabilities. He is a member of the National Fire Protection Association Building Code and the Building Systems technical committees; and the NFPA's Disability Access Review and Advisory Committee.

At age seven, Kevin was paralyzed when he was hit by a drunk driver who careened out of control and onto a field where he was playing baseball. His strength of character, uncompromising determination, and unwavering dedication to the rights of all persons with disabilities have served as an inspiration to us all.

Mr. McGuire was recognized in a special ceremony at the State Capitol in Albany and presented with an "Achievers Award" and legislative proclamation.

The New York State Senate "Achievers Awards" are presented each spring in conjunction with Legislative Disabilities Awareness Day, an annual event sponsored by the Senate to raise public consciousness of the efforts and accomplishments of citizens with physical disabilities.

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