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## PRESS RELEASE

### VEDA Names Chairman Irvin as Its Volunteer of the Year

WYTHEVILLE—At its recent annual meeting, the Virginia Economic Developers Association awarded Steven D. Irvin, Chairman of the Joint IDA, as its Volunteer of the Year. The award was in recognition of the successful economic development accomplishments achieved under the chairmanship of Mr. Irvin. Following the recognition brunch, former Governor Gerald L. Baliles presented the keynote address to the VEDA members from across the state assembled at the Hotel Roanoke.

“It was certainly an honor for me to receive VEDA’s Volunteer of the Year award,” Mr. Irvin said. “We have many dedicated partners working with us to make the Wytheville area truly the economic hub of Southwest Virginia.”

This was the second year in a row that Southwest Virginia provided Virginia’s Volunteer of the Year, with Congressman Rick Boucher receiving last year’s award. Mr. Irvin will be Virginia’s nomination for the 17-state Southern Economic Development Council’s Volunteer of the Year award. VEDA’s press release can be seen at [http://www.vedanet.org/publications/press\\_releases/press%20release-volunteer%20of%20the%20year%202003.doc](http://www.vedanet.org/publications/press_releases/press%20release-volunteer%20of%20the%20year%202003.doc)

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