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### **REPRESENTATIVE MARK HUIZENGA RECEIVES MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHAMPION AWARD**

**Lansing, Michigan – March 9, 2021** – Representative Mark Huizenga (R-Walker) has been recognized as a 2021 Legislative Economic Development Champion by the Michigan Economic Developers Association (MEDA). Representative Huizenga was nominated by James McBryde, President and CEO, Middle Michigan Development Corporation. The award was presented to him on March 9th during the Association’s Virtual Capitol Day event.

MEDA is a professional society with members throughout the state that attract and grow business, create and retain jobs, and make our communities a better place to live. The Awards were developed in 2020 by the Association to recognize legislators that show a passion for championing economic development work by assisting economic development efforts that affect the entire state, assisting with local economic development projects, championing the restoration of funding for economic development, participating with their local economic development organization, or sponsoring economic development legislation. Three other legislators from Michigan’s House of Representatives and Senate were awarded in 2021.

Representative Huizenga’s nomination came for support for Good Jobs for Michigan, which has attracted several key projects in our communities, resulting in 8,200 new jobs and more than \$5.1 billion in investment and economic development in the state. He will continue his support when Senator Ken Horn submits a new version in the coming months. Representative Huizenga was also honored for sponsoring a bill to restore funding for the Going Pro Talent Fund, which received \$27 million this year to assist in training, developing, and retaining current and newly hired employees.

After receiving the award, Representative Huizenga said, “I would like to extend my thanks to James McBryde for nominating me for this award, and to all stakeholders that I have had the privilege of working with. There is no doubt that investing in economic development is the key to the future prosperity of Michigan. We have seen time and time again how targeted and purposeful economic development practices result in measurable improvements for our communities. I look forward to continuing my commitment to such initiatives and doing all I can to ensure that Michigan’s economy continues to expand post-COVID-19.”

#### **ABOUT MEDA**

The Michigan Economic Developers Association has partnered with economic developers to grow their community in Michigan for over 60 years. By providing education, networking, and advocacy, MEDA makes it possible for professionals to do their job more effectively and efficiently. To learn more, see [www.medaweb.org](http://www.medaweb.org).