

State's Oldest Consumer Group to Honor Delegate Barbara Evans Fleischauer on May 1

(Charleston) On Friday May 1, WV Citizen Action will honor Delegate Barbara Fleischauer with its Si Galperin In Defense of Democracy Award.

Past honorees include Supreme Court Justice Margaret Workman, Delegate Mary Pearl Compton, United Mine Workers President Cecil Roberts and Senator Robert C. Byrd.

WV-CAG's Si Galperin In Defense of Democracy Award is given to outstanding individuals who have a history of taking a courageous stand on the issues. Si Galperin spent 12 years in the state legislature and was a leader on good government issues including campaign finance reform, human rights, and open government meetings. Mr. Galperin worked at the state Capitol even in retirement and poor health. The award was named for him last year after his death.

Delegate Fleischauer will receive her award at WV-CAG's annual event which marks the organization's 35th year. WV-CAG will recognize Ms. Fleischauer for her tireless work to promote health care reform, women's issues, education, environmental protection, consumer protection, campaign finance reform and social justice.

"Delegate Fleischauer is a legislator who cares about her constituents and works hard on the issues that can positively impact their lives. She fights for the citizens of West Virginia every day and cares about regular people, not special interest groups. We are lucky to have her voice in the House of Delegates," said Gary Zuckett, WV-CAG's Executive Director.

The event will begin at 5:30 PM at the Woman's Club in Charleston.

More information is available at www.wvcag.org