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Tomlinson Receives Government Support Award from Delta

Bucks Senator Honored by Delta Community Supports, Inc., For Advocacy Benefiting Individuals with Developmental Disabilities And the Direct Care Service Workers They Depend Upon

Bensalem — Senator Robert M. “Tommy” Tomlinson (R-06) received recognition from Delta Community Supports president and founder David A. Wyher for Tomlinson’s work to secure the passage of legislation providing funds to raise the pay of direct care workers helping individuals with developmental disabilities. The pay raises enabled Delta to better recruit and retain valued employees to assist their clients.

Funds for worker raises became available through the Governor’s Direct Care Recruitment and Retention Initiative (Part A) appropriating \$17.5 million statewide for this purpose. Part B of the same initiative assures this appropriation will continue in the coming years.

Wyher said that since the senator’s first election to the Senate of Pennsylvania in 1994, Tomlinson has been active in his caucus in support of increased funding for community mental retardation services. “Senator Tomlinson’s interest and leadership have been instrumental in elevating this issue to the short list of concerns to be addressed by the General Assembly,” Wyher said.

Delta executives presented Tomlinson with a specially prepared commemorative tile from the Moravian Tile Works in Doylestown. This award reflects Delta’s first-ever Government Support Award in 25 years of providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Since 1977, **Lower Gwynedd based** Delta Community Supports has grown from offering residential living for persons with disabilities to also providing family services, including foster care and adoptions, job support, a day care center, and a community center designed to help individuals over age 21 integrate in their communities. **The non-profit organization serves individuals in Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties.**

Photo caption (download photo at www.wordwork.com): Delta Community Supports executives present Senator Robert M. “Tommy” Tomlinson with the 25-year-old organization’s first Government Support Award. Pictured left to right are: Joe Landis, vice president – mission effectiveness; Bruce Sparks, director of human resources; David Wyher, president and founder; and Senator Tomlinson.

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