

WASHINGTON, DC – Representative Bobby Scott (VA-3) has been named a “Champion for Children” by the First Focus Campaign on Children, a national, bi-partisan child advocacy group. The honor recognizes Rep. Scott as one of the most valuable leaders in the United States Congress for his priority and efforts to improve the well-being of children.

Bruce Lesley, President of the First Focus Campaign for Children, explains why Congressman Scott received this honor. “Representative Scott has raised the profile of matters important to children in Congress and has served as a true leader on issues such as children’s health and juvenile justice. Children cannot vote, hold press conferences, or donate to political campaigns to thank the Members of Congress that support them and protect their interests. And because of that, we are presenting this award on behalf of children to recognize our nation’s top public officials who take action to make them national priority. We look forward to working with Representative Scott to continue protecting America’s next generation of leaders.”

Of the 100 members recognized by First Focus, Rep. Scott was listed in the top fifty awardees called the “Champions for Children” on account of their extraordinary efforts to protect and improve the future of America’s next generation. An additional 50 Members were awarded the “Defenders of Children” and have been recognized for their support of policies that advance the well being of children.

“I thank the First Focus Campaign for Children for this honor and for making children a national priority. We must do all we can to protect our country’s most valuable asset, the children and future generations of the United States. Nothing is more important,” said Congressman Scott.

In addition, Representative Scott has received numerous other accolades and commendations for his work on behalf of children. They include:

- May 2010, The American Academy of Children’s and Adolescent Psychiatry, Friend’s of Children’s Mental Health Award
- March 2009, United States Student Association, Distinguished Education Ally in the House Award
- August 2009, Reach Out and Read, Recognition of Support for Reading Programs
- December 2009, Center for Youth - Southwest Hampton Roads, "Leading By Example" Honoree
- 2008, Virginia Peninsula Boys and Girls Club at its 21st Annual Steak & Burger Dinner,

Honored for Continued Support for the Goals of The Boys and Girls Club

- March 2003, Head Start Association (VaHSA), Recognition for Outstanding and Dedicated Service to Head Start Children, Parents, and Staff
- 2002, The Council of Chief State School Officers, Award for Representing Students, Parents, and Educators as a Member of the United States House of Representatives
- February 2002, The National Association of the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC), 2002 Congressman of the Year Award
- January 2002, The Action Starts Here (TASH), Certificate of Recognition of Service to Children and Youth with Disabilities and their Families
- January 2001, The American Federation of Teachers, Quality Service Award
- March 2000, The Children's Defense Fund, "Safe Start" Award
- 1999, Child Welfare League of America, Congressional Advocate of the Year Award
- 1998, Council for Exceptional Children
- 1998, Achievable Dream Academy, Awarded a Degree of Dreamers

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