

## **Ward honored with Legislator of the Year Award From NAMI**

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Minnesota presented Rep. John Ward, DFL-Brainerd, from District 12A in Brainerd with a Legislator of the Year Award on at its annual conference, held in Minneapolis on Nov. 5. The award recognizes a legislator who has been an outspoken advocate for children and adults with mental illness and their families.

“Rep. Ward serves on the Education Finance Committee and has been a strong advocate for people with mental illnesses, particularly children,” said NAMI’s executive director Sue Abderholden. “NAMI greatly appreciates his support on important issues such as restricting the use of seclusion and restraints in schools, and funding for school-linked mental health services.”