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AARP gives “Champion of the 50+” Award to Speaker Paul Ryan for preserving financial security

Madison, Wisconsin – AARP announced House Speaker Paul Ryan as a recipient of the 2016 “Champion of the 50+” legislative leadership award for his significant achievements during the 114th Congress that benefit the lives of those age 50-plus and their families.

Speaker Ryan received his award for preserving financial security through passage of legislation that addressed the shortfall in the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) trust fund, ensuring that children, veterans, older workers, families and others who receive disability insurance benefits would not face a 20 percent cut in their benefits.

“Speaker Ryan deserves this award because he worked to improve financial security for millions of American families,” said AARP Wisconsin State Director Sam Wilson. “Passing legislation to protect benefits for disabled workers has demonstrated leadership qualities to help Americans achieve greater financial security.”

AARP Wisconsin presented the award to Speaker Ryan yesterday in Milwaukee.

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