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Arizona Speaker Rusty Bowers to be Honored with Prestigious "Profile in Courage" Award

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library Foundation today announced that Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers is among five individuals chosen to be honored with the 2022 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. The announcement was made on NBC's *Today*.

The award is presented annually to public servants who have made courageous decisions of conscience without regard for the personal or professional consequences. The award is named for President Kennedy's 1957 Pulitzer Prize-winning book, [*Profiles in Courage*](#), which recounts the stories of eight U.S. senators who risked their careers, incurring the wrath of constituents or powerful interest groups, by taking principled stands for unpopular positions.

Speaker Bowers is being recognized for his actions to protect the integrity of Arizona elections.

"I am very grateful for this honor yet cannot help but feel undeserving of it," said Speaker Bowers. **"Honoring my oath and the people's choices at the ballot box are *not* heroic acts—they are the least that Arizonans should expect from the people elected to serve them."**

The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation created the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award in 1989 to honor President Kennedy's commitment and contribution to public service, and to celebrate his May 29th birthday.

Notable past honorees include Presidents George H.W. Bush and Gerald Ford, U.S. Senator John McCain, and Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.

The awards will be presented during a ceremony on May 22, 2022, at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston, Massachusetts.

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