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Senator Rob Mayer Receives 2008 Legislative Award from Missouri Bar

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Rob Mayer, R-Dexter, recently received the Missouri Bar's 2008 Legislative Award for his service to the state. The Missouri Bar's annual meeting awards dinner was held on Friday, Sept. 19, in Kansas City.

The Missouri Bar, a statewide organization for Missouri attorneys created by the Supreme Court of Missouri in 1944, develops policies and programs that improve the state's legal profession.

Senator Mayer was recognized by Missouri Bar President Charlie Harris for his support of the Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan. As co-chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Mayer opposed legislation that would have eliminated confidentiality in interviews of judicial candidates, contrary to current Supreme Court Rules. Senator Mayer also sponsored Senate Bill 1016 — a new law passed the General Assembly this year that will expedite funding for legal services programs that serve the state's poverty population.

Supreme Court of Missouri Chief Justice Laura Denvir Stith praised Sen. Mayer, who also serves as vice chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, for his "calm disposition and reasoned judgment in protecting the interests of the judicial system throughout his legislative career."

Each year, the Missouri Bar recognizes at its annual meeting individuals who have helped improve the judiciary or the profession of law. Awards are presented to legislators who have played a key role in supporting legislation of interest to the state bar or who have taken the lead in sponsoring bar-drafted legislation within the General Assembly.

"I am always pleased to support legislation that advances justice for all in our state," Sen. Mayer said. "It is a great honor to receive this award and recognition from the Missouri Bar."

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*Senator Rob Mayer represents the people of Wayne, Ripley, Butler, Stoddard, New Madrid, Pemiscot
and Dunklin counties in the Missouri Senate.*