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**MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY PRESENTS
SEN. ANITA YECKEL WITH ITS HIGHEST HONOR**

JEFFERSON CITY -- At a special breakfast meeting today in Jefferson City, the Missouri State Board of Accountancy presented Sen. Anita Yeckel, R-Sunset Hills, with its highest honor – the James T. Mudd Award. This honor is presented annually to a Missouri citizen who through legislation, education or public service succeeded in advancing the profession of Certified Public Accountancy.

Yeckel, who currently serves as assistant majority floor leader and chairman of the Senate Financial and Governmental Organization, Veterans' Affairs and Elections Committee, was recognized for successfully passing several major pieces of legislation that dealt with accountancy including the Uniform Accountancy Act.

“It’s truly an honor to be recognized by such a fine organization,” said Yeckel. “I’m pleased that I was able to pass legislation that assisted members of the accountancy profession and helped protect the people of Missouri from those who are incompetent or dishonest.”

The Missouri State Board of Accountancy sets up rules and regulations consistent with the state’s statutes. The board protects the public from incompetence, misconduct, gross negligence, and fraud by licensing only qualified professionals through examination and evaluation.

The award was named in honor of James T. Mudd, who served on Board of Accountancy from 1997 to 2001 and as a board member exemplified “responsibility, integrity and fairness in the protection of the public and the profession.”

Since her election to the Missouri Senate in 1996, Yeckel has been recognized by numerous business organizations for her successful efforts in passing legislation promoting Missouri's businesses. Among the awards she has received are St. Louis Business Journal Legislative Award; Missouri State Chamber of Commerce Spirit of Enterprise Award; Missouri Bankers Association Chairman Award; and the Associated Industries of Missouri 2000 Business Award.