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**SEN. JOHN GRIESHEIMER SPONSORS
GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT OF RAY MUNGENAST**

JEFFERSON CITY -- Sen. John Griesheimer, R-Washington has successfully sponsored the gubernatorial appointment of Wildwood resident Ray Mungenast to the Missouri Head Injury Advisory Council.

The Missouri Head Injury Advisory Council promotes reviews and recommends policies to prevent traumatic head injuries and to restore independent and productive lifestyles after traumatic head injury.

The council studies and makes recommendations to policy makers to improve, expand, coordinate and develop a service delivery system, including prevention, for survivors of head injuries and their families. The council sponsors an annual statewide conference and regional workshops, publishes materials, and provides information and referral services.

“This is an important committee, and I believe Ray will be a real asset,” said Griesheimer.

Since 1995, Mungenast has served as vice president/general manager of Lexus of St. Louis. Mungenast is in charge of total dealership operations including working closely with management staff and department employees to achieve objectives.

The governor makes appointments to state boards and commissions with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Senate Committee on Gubernatorial Appointments usually meets weekly during the legislative session. Their sponsoring senator presents each appointee to the committee.

Once the committee has approved appointments, the chairman reports on the committee's action to the floor for consideration by the full Senate.

Appointees must be approved by the committee and confirmed by the full Senate before taking the position on the board or the committee.