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### Sen. Kevin Engler Recognizes Two Educators on Senate Floor

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JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Kevin Engler, R-Farmington, recently recognized on the Senate floor two Missouri teachers for their distinguished reputations in the field of education.

Gary Heifner, a science/early adolescent teacher from the **Potosi R-III School District**, and Kyle Kaalberg, a reading and language arts teacher from the **Farmington R-VII School District**, were publicly recognized Feb. 16 in the State Capitol for earning national board certification from the National Board for Teaching Standards. To extend congratulations to Heifner and Kaalberg on behalf of the Missouri Senate, Engler drafted a resolution for each educator that was read on the Senate floor.

“This is a great achievement that resulted from a rigorous assessment process,” Engler said. “Both Gary and Kyle exemplify success in the classroom by using valuable teaching strategies, interacting with their students and altering their teaching methods to fit the learning needs of their students.”

To earn certification, Heifner and Kaalberg had to present evidence of their teaching efficacy in the classroom to the National Board for Teaching Standards. Less than 40 percent of first-time applicants for the certification succeed in achieving the distinction.

“Quality education is such an integral factor in the success of Missouri children,” Engler said. “I applaud Gary and Kyle for their continual dedication to our state’s educational system, efforts that have deservedly earned them the honor of this official recognition.”

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**An electronic copy (“jpeg” format) of this photo showing Gary Heifner (R) and Sen. Engler (L) can be obtained by calling Sen. Engler’s capitol office at: (573) 751-3455.**