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Sen. Rob Mayer Announces Expedited Tornado Relief

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Rob Mayer, R-Dexter, this evening announced President Bush has approved Gov. Matt Blunt’s request to officially declare as disaster areas 10 Southeast Missouri counties battered by the thunderstorms and a tornado that ravaged the area last Sunday. Mayer worked extensively with Missouri Senators Jim Talent and Kit Bond and U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Emerson to expedite the approval process.

“I made clear to Senators Bond and Talent and Rep. Emerson that people in our area are hurting and need help right away,” Mayer said. “This expedited declaration speeds and broadens the manpower, financial assistance and other resources needed to make the affected communities whole again.”

Storms cut a wide swath of destruction through Arkansas and Southeast Missouri Sunday night, including an F-3 tornado that tore through Caruthersville destroying nearly 150 homes and injuring more than 50 people. Three people in Missouri lost their lives to storms that night.

“The loss of life and damage to people and property is profound,” Mayer said. “There is a tremendous amount of rebuilding that now must be taken on -- rebuilding of lives, families and homes. I was happy to stay in close contact with our U.S. senators and Rep. Emerson to ensure all that can be done is being done -- and being done as quickly as possible.”

Counties included in Governor Blunt’s declaration request making federal funds available are: Andrew, Dunklin, Marion, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Pettis, Ralls, St. Louis, St. Charles and Stoddard.

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