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Sen. Crowell Presents Resolution to Sikeston Family Clinic

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, recently presented a resolution to staff members of the Sikeston Family Clinic honoring them for earning the 2005 Missouri Primary Care Association (MPCA) Immunization award. The award is given to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) that achieve immunization rates of 90 percent or above. The Sikeston Family Clinic has a 100-percent immunization rate, which is significantly higher than the state's overall percentage of 75.2 percent.

"The clinic staff is dedicated to improving the health of Missouri's children by effectively administering vaccines," Crowell said. "Earning this award is evidence that the Sikeston Family Clinic has been and will continue to provide quality care to the community for many more years."

The clinic participates in the federally funded Vaccines for Children program, which provides immunizations for uninsured children, Medicaid recipients and Native Americans. To participate in the program, a clinic or physician's office must be a FQHC.

The Sikeston clinic is part of the SEMO Health Network, which has played an instrumental role in the aftermath of the tornadoes that recently devastated the area. Staff members are providing free medical assistance, food, clothing and shelter to those affected by the storms.

"Southeast Missouri is fortunate to have such a reliable group of devoted individuals to turn to during these difficult times," Crowell said. "I applaud SEMO Health Network and the Sikeston Family Clinic for their response efforts, and am thankful that they consistently put the community members first."

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