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# Senator Crowell Recognizes Cottonwood Residential Treatment Center

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JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today announced that the Missouri Senate adopted a resolution recognizing the Cottonwood Residential Treatment Center in Cape Girardeau for receiving accreditation after completing a rigorous inspection process.

Cottonwood Residential Treatment Center is a residential program designed to meet the emotional and mental health needs of children and adolescents who have emotional disturbance. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations accredited the treatment center after evaluating the facility this past spring. Accreditation enables the division to provide higher quality services, boost worker morale, enhance consumer confidence, increase professionalism and standardize caseloads.

“Cottonwood has earned the validation that I know it deserves,” Crowell said. “I congratulate the treatment center for having reached a high standard of care and for being committed to continuing to provide quality services for the youth of Missouri.”

In 2004, Gov. Bob Holden proposed closing the treatment facility, but Crowell, who at the time was the House Majority Floor Leader, advocated for restoring the funding and succeeded in securing enough money to keep the residential treatment center open ever since.

Cottonwood Residential Treatment Center is located on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University. Crowell today attended a special ceremony to personally congratulate the center and present the staff with a framed resolution.

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