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## Senator Norma Champion Receives Missouri CASA Association's 2007 Legislative Award

JEFFERSON CITY—Senator Champion recently received the Missouri Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association's 2007 Legislative Award. The award was given to Sen. Champion for her continuing support for the interests of abused and neglected children at the Missouri CASA Association's Annual Fall Conference on Saturday, October 13.

The mission of the Missouri CASA Association is to improve the lives of abused and neglected children in Missouri by promoting the development, expansion, and improvement of CASA programs statewide. The CASA programs train community volunteers to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children. Volunteers for the local CASA programs are court appointed advocates that often help and support abused and neglected children. There are currently 20 local CASA programs in Missouri. CASA of Southwest Missouri which serves Greene County is located in Sen. Champion's district.

In 2006, Sen. Champion sponsored legislation that helps fund CASA programs throughout the state. The Children in Crisis Tax Credit provides tax credits for donations to CASA programs and other entities who work directly with Missouri children who are in crisis. Donors to qualified entities may receive tax credits for up to 50% of their approved donations. These donations are an important source of funding for Missouri CASA programs. Throughout the past year, Sen. Champion has continued to support the Missouri CASA Association in its legislative efforts.

For more information about the Missouri CASA Association, please contact [info@mocasa.net](mailto:info@mocasa.net) or visit the Missouri CASA Association Web site at [www.mocasa.net](http://www.mocasa.net).

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