



Sen. Green Secures Funding for St. Louis Veterans Home

Sen. Timothy Green, D-Spanish Lake secured a 5.93% increase over the prior year for Missouri's Veteran's Homes. Over \$67 Million was appropriated for Missouri's veterans for FY 2008.

Sen. Green successfully fought to fully fund 150 vacant beds in all veteran's homes. This is an increase of over \$2 Million in additional funding and over 100 new full time employees to provide care for Missouri's worthy veterans.

"Providing for staff increases that eliminate the number of vacant beds; ensuring veterans receive state and federal benefits they have earned; and maintaining and repairing veterans' homes were priorities we met." said Sen. Green.

"We increased funding for veterans' services and progress is being made to reduce the waiting list. Veterans should not wait to be cared for in their last years." said Sen. Green, "We counted on them to protect us in times of crisis and war; we'd better ensure that they get the services they need now."

97% of the beds will now be occupied beginning in 2008. Other increases for Veteran's Homes for FY 08 included over \$1 Million for services, over \$25,000 for the Veteran's Ombudsman program, and a 3% cost of living adjustment for employees.
