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Senator Shoemyer Named Rural Health Champion

LAKE OZARK – Senator Wes Shoemyer (D-Clarence) was recognized as a Rural Health Champion by the Missouri Association of Rural Health Clinics (MARHC) during their annual conference Tuesday, October 9. During the ceremony, the association cited Shoemyer’s consistent dedication to supporting and improving rural health conditions in his district and throughout Missouri.

Throughout the 2007 legislative session, Shoemyer was a crucial contributor who worked to ensure rural health clinics were protected during the creation of MO HealthNet, Missouri’s new Medicaid program.

“Senator Shoemyer’s interest and support was critical to our inclusion in MO HealthNet” said MARHC President Janie Elliott. “The senator’s work has helped ensure that we, as Rural Health Clinics, are able to continue providing care to our patients.”

MARHC is a not-for-profit organization representing more than 100 rural health clinics in Missouri. The clinics are specifically dedicated to serving underserved segments of the population in rural areas across the state. The organization works with state and national agencies and rural health allies to promote, expand and protect the rural health program. To learn more, please visit www.marhc.org.

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