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Senator Bill Stouffer Announces \$214,250 in Tax Credits for Land Learning Foundation

JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, today announced that the Land Learning Foundation has been approved for \$214,250 in tax credits by the Missouri Department of Economic Development’s Youth Opportunities Program. The tax credits will be used in a two-part youth mentoring program in central Missouri.

The Land Learning Foundation is an educational and conservation organization whose focus is on the relationship between wildlife species and habitat and the foundation’s co-existence with sporting activities and changing land uses.

“The youth of today will be the leaders of tomorrow so we need to get them started on the right foot,” Stouffer said. “With the help of the Youth Opportunities Program, our young Missourians will be able to grow and develop into environmentally-conscious and responsible citizens.”

The two-part youth program includes one-on-one and group mentoring. The Land Learning Foundation will begin its new partnership with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of central Missouri. The joint effort between the Land Learning Foundation and Big Brothers and Big Sisters will serve 700 at-risk youth during a one year period through a new mentoring program called “Pass It On.”

The Land Learning Foundation will also organize and implement outdoor education programs in rural schools plus host educational programming at the Dean Lake facility. The foundation is committed to restoring and preserving wildlife habitats, preserving traditional sporting opportunities, ensuring the co-existence and compatibility between Missourians and wildlife, and increasing educational opportunities related to agriculture.

“Missouri’s unique wildlife and environment separate it from the rest of its surrounding states,” Stouffer said. “By helping preserve our surroundings, these funds will further benefit Missourians for generations to come.”

The Youth Opportunities Program, administered by the Missouri Department of Economic Development, provides tax credits to organizations administering positive youth development or crime prevention projects.

For more information, contact Sen. Stouffer at his Capitol office at (573) 751-1507 or toll free at (866) 768-3987.

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