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## **Sen. Ryan McKenna Encourages Schools to Participate in *The Power of 11 Cents* Program**

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Ryan McKenna, D-Crystal City, is encouraging schools in the 22<sup>nd</sup> District to participate in an educational project called *The Power of 11 Cents*. Over the past two years, the program has educated thousands of Missouri students on the contributions of veterans and has raised more than \$50,000 for the Missouri Military Relief Fund.

“With Veterans Day approaching, our thoughts turn to the men and women protecting our safety today,” said Sen. McKenna. “This program is a fantastic way to show students that they can make an impact on the lives other Missourians.”

The Missouri Veterans Commission and Missouri National Guard are available to assist schools during their Veterans Recognition Ceremony. Students in grades kindergarten through 6 are invited to donate \$.11 while students in grades 7-12 are asked to contribute \$1.11 to go towards the Missouri Military Family Relief Fund. The program was inspired by a story about a three-year-old who was with his mother—an Army reservist recently returned from Iraq. The child had eleven cents, which he told his mother to give to the injured soldiers.

“This program was inspired by a story of a young child who wanted to give what he could for the good of our country’s soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines,” said Sen. McKenna. “The Power of 11 Cents offers students in Missouri the chance to make a small contribution that can make a big difference, and I encourage schools in the 22<sup>nd</sup> District to take advantage of this opportunity.”

For more information on the program, visit <http://www.thepowerof11cents.mo.gov/> or contact Pat Kerr of the Missouri Veterans Commission at 573-522-4220.

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