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Sen. Jason Crowell Receives the American Legion's Legislative Award

JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. Jason Crowell (R-Cape Girardeau) will be honored by the veteran's organization the American Legion with a legislative award for his work during the 2007 legislative session. Sen. Crowell will receive special recognition at the annual convention on July 14.

"I am honored to receive this award from the American Legion," said Sen. Crowell. "The members of this organization are dedicated to supporting and helping our veterans, and I support their tireless efforts."

Sen. Crowell was selected for the 2007 Legislative Senate Award based on his efforts to serve veterans through legislation. Sen. Crowell, chair of the Pensions, Veterans' Affairs and General Laws Committee, championed legislation in the Senate this session that included the phase out of the state income tax on veterans' pensions, an additional \$250,000 to go towards the Veterans' Service Officer Program that assists veterans in receiving federal benefits they have earned and a \$2.8 million increase in state funding to fill to capacity our seven veterans homes in the state.

"The veterans in this state selflessly served their country and were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for many of the values we take for granted," said Sen. Crowell. "We have to work hard to make sure these brave men and women get all the credit they deserve."

The American Legion Legislative Chairman Richard A. Heigert stated that "Sen. Jason Crowell's effective leadership in the Senate as Chairman of the Senate Pensions, Veterans'

Affairs and General Laws Committee and his dedication to the veterans of Missouri has helped make Missouri a leader in services for veterans.”

Previously Sen. Crowell was presented with a certificate of appreciation by the Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations for his dedication to representing Missouri veterans’ best interests and earlier this month the Missouri VFW acknowledged Sen. Crowell as the 2007 Legislator of the Year Award recipient at their annual convention.

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