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Senator Smith Announces Appointment of Mary Luna Wolf to Coordinating Board for Higher Education

Jefferson City — Sen. Jeff Smith, D-St. Louis, today announced that the Senate Gubernatorial Appointments Committee and the full Senate have approved the nomination of Mary Elizabeth Luna Wolf of St. Louis to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

Wolf joins the nine-member board, which is responsible for coordinating the state system of higher education at public and independent colleges and universities and other higher education facilities.

“Mary Beth Luna Wolf brings a wealth of legal and legislative experience from both the state and national levels and will be a great addition to the Coordinating Board of Higher Education,” Sen. Smith said.

Wolf is a graduate of the St. Louis University School of Law and also holds an education degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Currently, she is the St. Louis director of the office of Governor Matt Blunt and is a senior policy analyst to the governor on education and welfare. Previously, she served as legal counsel to U.S. Senator Mike DeWine of Ohio and as counsel to the White House Task Force for Disadvantaged Youth. In addition, she received a presidential appointment to serve as the associate director for regulatory policy and reform for the U.S. Department of Education’s Center for Faith-Based and Community

Initiatives. She also previously served as a volunteer court-appointed child advocate.

“Mary Beth has demonstrated a willingness to work across party lines on education issues, and that will serve her well going forward,” Sen. Smith said.

Sen. Smith with Mary Beth Luna Wolf during the gubernatorial hearing.

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