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Tax Credits to Revitalize the Perry County Lutheran Historical Society Heritage Center and Museum

JEFFERSON CITY— The Perry County Lutheran Historical Society will receive \$93,078 in tax credits through the Department of Economic Development’s Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit program. The funding will be used for renovations and updates for the Heritage Center and Museum.

“The team at the Lutheran Heritage Center and Museum has worked hard on this project, and we believe our museum is one of the best in the country,” said Carla Jordan, the museum director. “This project will help us continue our mission of interpreting the Saxon Lutheran Immigration history of east Perry County.”

The Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit program works by completing projects through a partnership of state resources, not-for-profit organizations, and generous local businesses. Businesses donate to the project and then receive tax credits, which can be used to offset their Missouri tax liability. During the recently concluded 2008 legislative session, the General Assembly approved an increase in the yearly cap for the Neighborhood Assistance program from \$4 million to \$6 million.

“Economic development programs like these allow organizations like the Perry County Lutheran Historical Society to complete projects that are truly a community effort,” said Sen. Jason Crowell (R-Cape Girardeau). “It is important to make sure collaborative programs like this continue in our state.”

Renovations planned at the Heritage Center and Museum include making improvements to the main gallery and surrounding areas, improving the climate control system, and providing restrooms that meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards.

“By improving this facility, the opportunities for economic development in the City of Altenburg will increase as well,” said Sen. Crowell. “This is an exciting opportunity for tourism and educational growth in our community.”

For more information on the Lutheran Heritage Center and Museum visit www.altenburgmuseum.org.

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