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Senator Bill Stouffer Announces Richmond Resident Named to State Soil and Water Districts Commission

Nomination of Gary Vandiver Subject to Senate Approval

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, announced today Gary Vandiver of Richmond has been named by the governor to serve on the <u>State Soil and Water Districts Commission</u>. The commission formulates policies and general programs to help maintain Missouri soil and water by the soil and water conservation districts.

"This is a very important panel," Sen. Stouffer said. "I believe it's crucial to have folks from rural Missouri on the commission and Gary is the perfect choice. He knows the people and knows the needs of our area and will do a great job."

Vandiver is general manager and co-owner of Orrick Farm Service, president and co-owner of Horizon Grain of Hopkins, co-owner of Bob Vandiver Cattle Company, and co-owner of Cottonwood Trading. The 40-year-old appointee is a founding member of the Ray County Cattlemen's Association and most recently served as past president of the Missouri Agribusiness Association. The governor has appointed Vandiver to a term ending Aug. 15, 2011. His appointment is subject to confirmation by the Missouri Senate when it reconvenes in January.

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