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Senator David Pearce Receives RCGA 2009 Lewis & Clark Statesman Award

JEFFERSON CITY—Senator David Pearce, R-Warrensburg, was this week (8/31) presented with the RCGA 2009 Lewis and Clark Statesman Award by the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association for his legislative efforts benefiting economic development in the St. Louis region.

The RCGA presents the annual award to lawmakers who have demonstrated leadership and sustained effort on behalf of the St. Louis area. In particular, notable legislation regarding economic development, capital improvements and regional transit system were noted by the RCGA for the award selection.

During the 2009 legislative session, Sen. Pearce sponsored a bill that would have offered tax credits for angel investments (investing in start-up companies – [SB 45](#)). His bill eventually morphed into a large-scale economic development bill that included expansions for the Quality Jobs, Business Use Incentives for Large-Scale Development (BUILD) and New Markets Tax Credits programs. Many of these ideas in Sen. Pearce’s bill were eventually passed in this year’s jobs bill, [HB 191](#), and then signed into law by the governor.

“I am extremely honored to receive the Lewis and Clark Statesman Award from the RCGA,” Sen. Pearce said. “The need for us to pass a comprehensive economic development bill this year was unquestionable, and it took a coordinated effort on behalf of the entire Legislature to make it happen.”



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