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## **Sen. David Pearce and Rep. Denny Hoskins Recognized by Missouri Elks Association**

JEFFERSON CITY— Senator David Pearce, R-Warrensburg, and Rep. Denny Hoskins, R-Warrensburg, yesterday (10/14) each received a 2009–2010 Special Recognition Award for their service to the organization—in large part, through their role in passing House Bill 620 during the 2009 legislative session. The award was recently announced at the Missouri Elks Association’s state convention and was presented last night at the Warrensburg Elks Lodge to the lawmakers by State President Bill Walter.

Although HB 620 was passed by the Legislature, it was ultimately vetoed by the governor. The measure would have given not-for-profit entities greater flexibility with the funds they generate from bingo games, allowing more money to be available for use in local community projects.

“I’m deeply honored to receive this award from the Missouri Elks Association and I consider it to be even greater motivation to get a bill passed next year that will have the support of lawmakers and the governor,” Sen. Pearce said. “I have talked with the governor’s staff to see what we can do to change the bill to make sure he will sign it next year if it crosses his desk again, and I will continue to work cooperatively with his office and other lawmakers until we figure out a solution that will benefit fraternal organizations such as the Elks, who contribute so much to our communities.”

“It is a true honor to receive this award,” Rep. Hoskins said. “The Elks continue to support their local communities with youth scholarships, youth drug awareness programs and veterans programs. Our local Warrensburg Elks Lodge is also hosting their annual dance for special needs kids on Nov. 6. I will continue to be a strong advocate for fraternal, not-for-profit and veterans organizations to keep control of their fundraising dollars, free of government intervention, so they can give back to their local communities.”

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