

For Immediate Release: July 12, 2010

Contact: Bev Cain (573) 751-1282

American Cancer Society's "Legislator of the Year" Award Given to Sen. Scott T. Rupp

Cites effort to provide equity in cancer medications

JEFFERSON CITY – The American Cancer Society presented Sen. Scott T. Rupp (R-Wentzville) with their "Legislator of the Year" award during the Relay For Life of Central St. Charles opening ceremony awards on Friday, July 9.

Senator Rupp was recognized for his efforts on <u>Senate Bill 786</u>, which if enacted, would have equalized the costs between intravenous (IV) and oral medication for cancer chemotherapy. Currently, the cost for oral medication that slows or kills cancer is much higher than the IV form of the very same medication. The bill made it through the entire Missouri Senate, but was stalled in the House of Representatives.

The American Cancer Society also recognized Sen. Rupp's support of the Show Me Healthy Women's Program through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. The program helps screen and educate women throughout Missouri for breast and cervical cancer.

"I am truly honored that the American Cancer Society has chosen me as their Legislator of the Year," said Sen. Rupp. "I have always been well-aware that the fight against cancer takes everything we have, and I will do what I can do, both as a Senator and a person, to make that fight a little easier.

###

SENATOR SCOTT T. RUPP 2ND SENATE DISTRICT CAPITOL BUILDING, ROOM 426 JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65101



OFFICE: (573) 751-1282 www.senate.mo.gov/rupp