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Senator Mayer Receives Legislative Friend of Public Health Award for 2010

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Rob Mayer (R-Dexter) today expressed his appreciation for being awarded the Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies' (MoALPHA) Legislative Friend of Public Health Award. The award is presented to legislators who have helped city and county health departments in meeting their goal of preventing, promoting and protecting the public's health.

"I am honored that the Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies chose to present me with this award," said Sen. Mayer. "Our local public health agencies serve an important need in our communities, especially in rural areas. I will continue to support their efforts, and make sure they can continue their work throughout the state."

As chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Mayer had to make tough decisions while helping to craft the budget for the current fiscal year. Even with declining revenues, Sen. Mayer worked to ensure that funding for health departments remained in the completed budget.

MoALPHA's mission is to support communication among local, state and federal public health agencies; provide educational and networking opportunities for the public health workforce; and advocate for the health of all Missouri residents.

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