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## **Senator Pearce and Rep. Hoskins Speak at UCM eZone Meeting**

JEFFERSON CITY—Senator David Pearce (R-Warrensburg) and Rep. Denny Hoskins (R-Warrensburg) last week (5/27) gave a legislative update during the eZone Outreach and Showcase and luncheon at the University of Central Missouri, sponsored by the Entrepreneurial Innovation and Development Corporation. The meeting brought together several Missouri business leaders and others with an interest in the state’s economic development to discuss strategic plans for boosting business and creating jobs.

Senator Pearce and Rep. Hoskins were asked to address the crowd on the legislative accomplishments of the General Assembly this year. They discussed the key priorities passed by lawmakers, as well as the current budget situation and its effect on economic development. Senator Pearce also talked about some of the plans in motion to boost Missouri’s economy.

“It was a privilege to speak to such an accomplished group of people who are devoted to making Missouri a great place for business and industry,” Sen. Pearce said. “We certainly have our challenges ahead of us in the next few years, but I’m confident that we can come up with a strategic plan to bring new businesses to Missouri, continue to grow our existing businesses and create well-paying jobs to get Missourians back to work.”

Representative Hoskins also talked about future economic development in Missouri.

“New business development and the expansion of existing businesses is the key to solving our challenging economic times,” Rep. Hoskins said. “Hearing the presentations at eZone reinforced that innovation is alive and strong in our area. It was a pleasure to meet with these business leaders, and I look forward to being involved with their future successes.”

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