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## Senator Pearce and Rep. Hoskins Speak at Study Missouri Consortium Reception in Kansas City

JEFFERSON CITY— Senator David Pearce (R-Warrensburg) and Rep. Denny Hoskins (R-Warrensburg) recently addressed approximately 180 representatives of Missouri colleges and universities, as well as overseas advisors from nearly 50 countries at a reception for the Study Missouri Consortium in Kansas City.

The reception was held at the Hilton President Hotel on Thursday, June 3, to celebrate the recent formation of the Study Missouri Consortium, which is an association designed to promote and support international education in the state. Also acknowledged was the successful passage of [Senate Concurrent Resolution 31](#), which was sponsored by Sen. Pearce and handled by Rep. Hoskins during the 2010 legislative session. The resolution encourages students and faculty to promote international education as a part of curricular and extracurricular life at Missouri's colleges and universities.

"Gaining a broad perspective of the world and developing cross-cultural skills will help our students prepare themselves for a global workforce, as well as help foster personal enrichment," Sen. Pearce said. "Likewise, we should keep working to make our state an attractive place for international students to come and study. Organizations like the Study Missouri Consortium do a great job of putting our fantastic colleges and universities on the world's radar."

The reception took place during the NAFSA: Association of International Educators annual conference in Kansas City, which brought together more than 7,000 international educators from approximately 100 countries around the world.

"We live in a global world where international education is an economic development tool," Rep. Hoskins said. "Recognition of the importance of international experiences for students is crucial. Living in Germany for several years as a child was a great opportunity for me. I am strongly supportive of efforts to encourage foreign students to experience Missouri and our students studying abroad."



*(Left to right) Rep. Denny Hoskins; Sen. David Pearce; Dr. Joy Stevenson, director of the International Center at the University of Central Missouri; and Dr. Robert Stein, Missouri Commissioner of Higher Education, attend a reception to celebrate the passage of SCR 31 and the recent formation of the Study Missouri Consortium.*

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