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## Senator David Pearce To Receive 2010 RCGA Lewis & Clark Statesman Award

JEFFERSON CITY—Senator David Pearce (R-Warrensburg) will next month be presented with the 2010 Lewis and Clark Statesman Award by the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association (RCGA) for his legislative efforts to promote economic development.

The RCGA presents the annual award to lawmakers who have demonstrated leadership and sustained effort on behalf of the St. Louis area. In particular, measures by recipients to improve business climates, create new economic development tools and expand proven programs were noted by the RCGA for the award selection.

Through Sen. Pearce's work as chairman of the Senate Education Committee and 2020 Educated Citizenry Committee, he has led efforts to improve education and develop a highly skilled workforce in Missouri. Senator Pearce also serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, which this year worked to pass a fiscally responsible budget that provides essential services and programs for Missourians.

"I am extremely honored to receive the Lewis and Clark Statesman Award from the RCGA," Sen. Pearce said. "The economy put us in a tough position this year and will probably affect our budget for a few years to come, but it also forced us to develop bold, innovative ideas for economic development and improved government efficiency."

The award presentation and reception will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown St. Louis on Aug. 23.

This is the second consecutive year Sen. Pearce has received this honor as a state senator.



*Senator David Pearce*

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