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Sen. Gary Nodler Named Legislator of the Year by Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Gary Nodler, R-Joplin, was recently named Legislator of the Year by the Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations for his dedication to representing Missouri's Veterans. Senator Nodler was presented with a certificate of appreciation by the organization at an award ceremony today (2/1).

"I am honored to have been chosen as a recipient of this award from the Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations," said Sen. Nodler. "The men and women who have courageously served our country deserve our honor and respect. I am dedicated to making sure that Missouri remains focused on providing veterans with the services and benefits they have earned."

Senator Nodler has been dedicated to passing legislation and policies to honor, aid, and show appreciation to Missouri's veterans throughout his time in the Missouri Senate. Last year, the General



Senator Nodler accepts the Legislator of the Year from the Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations.

Assembly passed legislation extending state income tax exemptions on retirement income to all veterans. In 2008, the Legislature passed the Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act to provide discounted tuition at state universities to veterans returning from combat.

During his time as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Sen. Nodler ensured that Missouri Veterans Homes received the funding they needed to fully staff facilities and keep up with food and medical inflation. Senator Nodler is also a strong supporter of Missouri Veterans Stories, a project that began in 2005 to videotape and archive interviews with veterans from throughout the state.

Senator Nodler is currently the only veteran serving in the Missouri Senate. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and Missouri National Guard.

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