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Rep. Dixon to Honor Local Entrepreneur and Philanthropist with Outstanding Missourian Award

Jefferson City – One of Springfield’s most successful businessmen and philanthropists was honored by the Missouri House of Representatives this week when Rep. Bob Dixon, R-Springfield, presented him with an Outstanding Missourian Award. Rep. Dixon made the presentation to Kenneth Meyer of Meyer Communications during a ceremony in the House Chamber today.

“Kenneth Meyer is a pillar of our community and someone who has donated an immense amount of his own time and money to help the people of this area as well as Missourians from all over the state,” said Rep. Dixon. “He was a pioneer in broadcast media and epitomizes what is best about our state. He is an outstanding Missourian in every sense. It’s an honor for me to be able to join with my colleagues to show our appreciation for this great man.”

Kenneth Meyer is a successful entrepreneur in the fields of print publications and broadcast media. The founder and president of Meyer Communications, he was active in the early development of UHF television through his establishment of Channel 27 in Springfield and Channel 14 in Monroe, Louisiana. He currently operates radio stations KTXR FM, KWTO AM, KWTO FM and KBFL. He also publishes several magazines including Parent+Family, Family Marketplace and Campus Express.

In addition to his business endeavors, Meyer is a civic-minded philanthropist who recently was named the Springfield Chamber of Commerce’s 2007 Springfieldian. He serves as director, and was a past vice president, of Cox Hospital as well as director of Boys and Girls Town of Missouri. He also serves as a board member of the Council of Churches Foundation and as president of the Covenant Foundation.

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Meyer also has made numerous capital gifts to Missouri's institutions of higher education including Westminster College, Southwest Baptist University and Missouri State University. He has provided financial support for the Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts, Council of Churches, MSU Band, Salvation Army, Alzheimer's Association, American Heart Institute, MSU Tent Theatre and the MSU Band Veterans Day Salute. Meyer has almost always given these gifts in the name of his late wife, Jane Meyer, the love of his life.

"Ken Meyer is most deserving of the Outstanding Missourian Award," said Rep. Dixon. "An award such as this one is a small token of appreciation but I hope it captures the essence of our gratitude for all that Kenneth Meyer has done for our area and this state."

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