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Rep. Dixon Secures \$300,000 for Boys & Girls Clubs *Also Serves as MC for "Youth of the Year" Event Tonight*

Jefferson City, MO — Last week, the Missouri House approved the state budget for Fiscal Year 2009. In this budget, Rep. Bob Dixon (R-Springfield) successfully retained \$300,000 for a mentoring program for at-risk adolescent males through the Boys & Girls Clubs. This program addresses recent studies indicating that adolescent boys are more likely than girls to partake in violent, illegal, or dangerous behaviors and will help with key areas of development while educating young men on the importance of positive values and behaviors.

"Boys & Girls Clubs fill a vital role in the lives of Missouri youth, influencing their growth and development in a positive manner," said Rep. Dixon. "Their programs have made a difference in the lives of each and every participant, and I am pleased to aid their mission through this funding."

In addition to his legislative efforts, Rep. Dixon will serve as the Master of Ceremonies at the Missouri Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs annual "Youth of the Year" ceremonies, which will be held tonight at the Governor's Mansion. Each year, the Youth of the Year award recognizes the achievement, leadership, and obstacles overcome by one particular member of the Boys and Girls Clubs community.

Upon Senate approval of the budget, the funds will become available to the Boys & Girls Clubs on July 1, 2008.

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