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Senator Kurt Schaefer Secures Grant, Tax Credit for the 19th District *University, Big Brothers/Big Sisters to Benefit*

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – Senator Kurt Schaefer has secured a grant for the University of Missouri-Columbia to assist with expenses associated with its participation in the “Show-Me Solar” team. The team will compete in the 2009 International Solar Decathlon, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, in which they design and build the most energy-effective solar-powered house.

“It is up to our students today to pave the road for the future,” Sen. Schaefer said, “and innovation in the use of natural resources is a step forward for all of us.”

The team is partnered with the Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T) in Rolla and takes place in October.

In addition, a tax credit in the amount of \$85,000 has been approved for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Missouri. The project was approved through the Department of Economic Development’s Youth Opportunities Program (YOP).

“The Big Brothers/Big Sisters program is a great help to at-risk kids who have few role models or mentors,” Sen. Schaefer said. “It can often be the catalyst for a young person to desire to rise above their environment and become a productive member of society.”

This particular project will emphasize the recruitment of at-risk girls and female mentors. The program engages in monthly activities and leadership training especially for girls.

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