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STATE REPRESENTATIVE TOM SLOAN NAMED TO HIGHER EDUCATION HONOR ROLL

KANSAS LEGISLATORS GRADED ON THEIR SUPPORT OF JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH QUALITY HIGHER EDUCATION

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Lenexa, KS, July 19, 2010 – Citizens for Higher Education, a group that promotes quality higher education as the engine that creates well-paying jobs and economic prosperity in Kansas, has released its bi-annual Report Card and has named Representative Tom Sloan to its 2009/10 Honor Roll.

Overall, 24 State Senators and 69 Representatives made the group's Honor Roll by scoring an A or B on the report card. On the opposite end of the scale, 17 Senators received a D or F as did 52 Representatives.

Legislators were graded on a range of votes involving tuition, funding and policy issues for Regents universities and community colleges, campus safety, appropriations, budgets and more. The entire report card with individual vote records is available at www.kansashighereducation.org.

“We strongly endorse the re-election of Representative Tom Sloan who understands that there is an undisputed link between quality higher education and the long-term economic well-being of our state,” said Bill Hall, Chairman of Citizens for Higher Education. “Kansans who receive a quality post-secondary education earn more, pay more taxes, rely less on government programs and contribute more to their communities over their lifetimes. Plus, they are more likely to create jobs by starting and growing their own businesses. That’s why pro-higher education legislators deserve our endorsement and support in this year’s elections.”

Citizens for Higher Education has produced report cards in the last three election cycles. For the first time this year it has released the lifetime higher education voting records of Kansas legislators.

“We are pleased by the strong level of consistent support we have received from Representative Sloan and so other thoughtful legislators,” Hall said. “Our state’s community colleges and universities, and the graduates they produce, are the engines that drive our economy, both statewide and locally. In these difficult times we desperately need their creativity, ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit to create new businesses and jobs for the 21st Century.”

CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR AND VOTE

Citizens for Higher Education urges all voters to see how their legislator voted on these issues and to go to the polls on election day. “Congratulate them if they made our report card, and if they didn’t ask them why. It’s critical that you consider how your legislator voted on higher education issues when you vote in the August 3 primary and in the general election this November,” Hall said.

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