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Representative Hubrecht honored with the “Freshman Legislator of the Year Award”

Jefferson City, Missouri - To honor and recognize the efforts of Rep. Hubrecht R- Dexter for her work this year on the various issues and legislation that came before the Health and Mental Health Policy Committee. Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives John Diehl awarded Rep. Hubrecht the Freshman Legislator of the Year Award for Healthcare Issues.

“I firmly believe actions speak louder than words and as an elected official, those actions are crucial to the well-being of our constituents. I commend Rep. Hubrecht on her actions on legislation that impacts healthcare delivered to women, children and our senior citizens. She has shown firsthand that actions demonstrate leadership for the people of her district,” said Speaker Diehl.

Through her role as a member of the House Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy, Rep. Hubrecht helped promote legislation that would ensure the safety of long term care to senior citizens and the disabled. She is working currently to address the staffing challenges that are facing our long term care facilities throughout the state.

Rep. Hubrecht sponsored House Bills 896 and 897 to change the state's law related to long term care facilities. House bill 897 is associated with the building of a long term care facilities and would remove duplicative building inspections during the planning and construction of a building.

She also authored legislation that would address the double oversight in long term care facilities related to staff being able to provide certain care to residents such as hair care. Currently there is dispute as to whether long term care staff can wash a resident's hair when needed or if only the facility beautician can do this task.

Rep. Hubrecht also serves on the Ways and Means, Energy and the Environment, Elementary and Secondary Education House Committees, and the Joint Committee on Abuse and Neglect.

"I believe we accomplished a lot this year, both in the committee and in the House of Representatives," said Rep. Hubrecht; and "I look forward to next year's legislative session in January 2016."

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