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**FLANIGAN RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED LEGISLATOR AWARD
FROM MISSOURI COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION**

Branson, Missouri – Friday, November 7. Rep. Tom Flanigan (R-Carthage) received the Missouri Community College Association's Distinguished Legislator Award at a ceremony in Branson today. Flanigan represents part of Jasper County (District 163) in the Missouri House of Representatives. His district includes Crowder College's service area. Crowder president Dr. Jennifer Methvin describes Flanigan as a strong advocate. She says, "The day I met Representative Flanigan, I knew he was a public servant devoted to being available to constituents and educating himself on issues. He doesn't wait for us to call him up and tell him how community colleges are being impacted by any particular measure; he asks the questions that let him know and he listens objectively to our answers."

This year marked MCCA's fiftieth annual convention. Association members celebrated the milestone by hosting several former community college leaders at the convention, including Dr. Norman Myers, founding president of Ozarks Technical Community College; Dr. Don Shook, founding president of East Central College, St. Charles Community College, and St. Charles Community College; and Dr. Jim Kellerman, former MCCA executive director.

The Missouri Community College Association is a statewide organization through which Missouri's community colleges work together to advance common agendas. MCCA provides advocacy, education, information, and networking opportunities in service of the state's 5,700 community college faculty, staff, administrators, and trustees.

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Photo of Representative Flanigan and Crowder College Board of Trustees Vice President, Rick Butler.