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Dempsey Nominated by Republican 23rd Senatorial Committee

Local Republicans United

(St. Charles, MO) – The Republican 23rd Senatorial District Committee named Tom Dempsey, State Representative, Dist. 18, and current Missouri House Majority Leader as the District’s nominee for the Senate seat vacated by State Senator Chuck Gross. “Dempsey was the unanimous choice of the Committee,” said 23rd District Chairman Roland Wetzel following a meeting of the Committee Thursday evening, July 5.

“It is an honor to have this unanimous endorsement from local activists and friends to be the Republican candidate for the 23rd Senatorial,” said Dempsey. “I look forward to meeting with voters throughout the district and sharing my plans to improve our schools and increase access to affordable health care.” The Senate District covers the northeastern portion of St. Charles County, including the cities of St. Charles, St. Peters, Portage de Sioux, and nearby parts of the county – roughly East of Hwy 79 and North of Weldon Spring.

Dempsey has represented the people of the 18th Missouri House District since his election in 2000. Following his re-election to a third term in 2004, Dempsey’s peers selected him Republican Majority Floor Leader in recognition of his legislative skills and leadership ability.

While guiding legislation through the House as Majority Floor Leader, Dempsey authored several significant items of legislation including House Bill 184 signed by Gov. Matt Blunt July 5 in St. Charles. The legislation ensures that voter approved funds for children services are not used for infrastructure like utilities or street improvements, and requires any city or county that approves a TIF project after Aug. 28, 2007 to reimburse the Community Children’s Services Fund for the amount of the tax revenues used for the TIF project.

Dempsey explained that his campaign would focus on continued efforts to ensure citizens have access to affordable health care, students receive a high quality public education, and state policy makers look to provide more tax relief in the coming years.

Prior to his service in the Missouri House, Dempsey was a two-term St. Charles City Councilman.

A third generation St. Charles restaurateur, Dempsey and his wife Molly, have three children: Meaghan, Abby, and Jack. He and his family are members of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

State Senator Chuck Gross resigned the Senate seat at the end of the last General Assembly session to become St. Charles County’s Director of Administration.

Governor Matt Blunt called a special election for Tuesday, September 4, to fill the seat vacated by Senator Gross so that the constituents of the 23rd District would be properly represented in the session of the General Assembly that convenes next January.

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