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Rep. Hamzy Chosen as American Legislative Exchange Council's Legislator of the Year



Honored at ALEC's 34th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia

State Representative William Hamzy, R-78th District, was honored as the 2007 "Legislator of the Year" by his peers at the 34th Annual Meeting of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) in Philadelphia on Friday, July 27.

The award goes to state legislators who are ALEC members in good standing and have distinguished themselves by advancing, introducing and/or enacting policies based on the fundamental Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government, federalism and individual liberty.

"Representative Hamzy has been at the forefront of pursuing policy solutions based on Jeffersonian principles in sometimes difficult situations," said Missouri State Representative and an ALEC National Board Member, Jane Cunningham on presenting the award.

Representative Hamzy was chosen to serve as Deputy Republican Leader for the 2007 and 2008 legislative sessions. Representative Hamzy serves on the General Assembly's Judiciary Committee, the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee, the Select Committee on Aging, the Regulation Review Committee, and the Legislative Management Committee. He is chairman of ALEC's Information Technology and Telecommunications Task Force.

ALEC's Annual Meeting, held July 24 to 29 in Philadelphia, PA, hosted over 2,000 state legislators and business leaders from across the country and overseas. Featured speakers included; President George W. Bush, U.S. Senator Larry Craig, Former U.S. Senator Fred Thompson, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Newt Gingrich, The Honorable Dick Armey, The Honorable Billy Tauzin, Neil Cavuto of FOX News, John Fund of the Wall Street Journal, and Miss America 2007 Lauren Nelson.

"ALEC's Democrat and Republican members participated in substantive public policy sessions throughout the Annual Meeting, and legislators returned to their state capitols better prepared to serve their constituents," said Iowa State Representative Dolores Mertz, ALEC's 2007 National Chairman.

The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) is dedicated to developing model policies based on the Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government, federalism, and individual liberty.

ALEC is the nation's largest nonpartisan, individual membership organization of state legislators, with over 2,400 legislator members from all fifty states, and 87 former members serving in the U.S. Congress.