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Hon. Steve Gaw, Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives, District 22, Moberly, for holding fast in tough negotiations supporting three cents reduction in the sales tax on food when there was intense pressure for more special interest tax breaks.

Jim Kistler, Governmental Relations Coordinator, Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, for organizing a coalition of providers and consumers to advocate for the passage of HB 335, a bill to provide consumer protections against some of the worst managed care abuses

Hon. Sheila Lumpe, Chair of the Missouri Public Service Commission, former member of the Missouri House of Representatives for 17 years, Chair of the House Budget Committee, for outstanding public service as member of the Missouri House, consistently on the side of social justice and human rights issues and for people passing through hard times.