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LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

Speaker Pro Tem of the Missouri House of Representatives, Representative Carl Bearden

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The Log Cabin Republican Chapter of Greater St. Louis, the leading gay and lesbian Republican organization in Missouri, is pleased to announce the success of the Chapter meeting held on April 22, 2005 in St. Louis, Missouri. The featured guest speaker was Missouri State Representative and Speaker Pro Tem of the Missouri House of Representatives, Representative Carl Bearden.

Speaker Pro Tem Bearden addressed many issues facing Missouri residents, specifically noting education funding shortfalls in both Secondary and Higher Education institutions, the rising cost of gasoline prices, Missouri's security measures in a post-911 era, national filibuster potential of judicial nominations, gay and lesbian anti-discrimination laws, same sex civil unions, and the need for limited government.

The Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis are grateful to the Speaker Pro Tem for providing an insight into the advancement of Missouri's Republican agenda. Representative Bearden has offered to ally with the Log Cabin Republicans in an effort to end discrimination against all citizens of the State of Missouri as well as work toward a reformation in the funding of Higher Education institutions throughout Missouri. Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis has endorsed the concept of Speaker Pro Tem Bearden's proposed legislation regarding the funding of Higher Education in Missouri with a voucher-type program focusing primarily on accountability and performance standards as a guide to receive state funds.

Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis has pledged to work with the Speaker Pro Tem in an effort to advance legislation which is beneficial to the gay and lesbian community of Missouri, namely concentrating on limited government initiatives, anti-discrimination policies, and civil union recognition.

"The Speaker Pro Tem is a man of character, courage, and honor," said Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis President and Chairman, Charles Stadtlander. "By offering to work with the Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis, Representative Bearden has shown a true desire to move Missouri forward as a wonderful place for gay and lesbian families to live and work. We are truly grateful for his consideration and eagerly await the opportunity for future joint endeavors."