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BETTER COURTS FOR MISSOURI APPLAUDS HOUSE LEADERSHIP

HJR 10 MOVES FORWARD – EFFORT TO REFORM JUDICIAL SELECTION PROCESS

(Jefferson City, MO) - Better Courts for Missouri appreciates the leadership of Missouri House of Representatives' Speaker Ron Richard (R-129) for his efforts in assigning House Joint Resolution 10 (HJR 10) to the General Laws Committee. Both HJR 10 and Senate Joint Resolution 9 (SJR 9) are on track to reform Missouri's court system.

"We are excited to have swift progress on this matter that is vital in order to ensure that our court system is one that is not controlled by special interests," stated James Harris, Executive Director of Better Courts for Missouri. "We need to make sure that we do not have a 'for sale' sign on the courthouse," added Harris. "I look forward to working with Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice Stith to achieve these goals," continued Harris.

Openness and accountability in the judicial selection process ensures that all Missourians will have a voice in selecting the judges who sit on the courts and make ultimate decisions affecting their personal lifestyles. Better Courts for Missouri will continue its efforts to educate the public in regards to HJR 10 and SJR 9, seeking their successful passage in both Chambers. Both Joint Resolutions change how judges are selected in Missouri by allowing greater citizen input in a process that is currently dominated by trial attorneys.

To schedule an interview with James Harris, Executive Director for Better Courts for Missouri, www.newmoplan.com, contact Elizabeth Ray, eray@crccpublicrelations.com, at 703-683-5004, ext. 130.

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