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SEN. JACOBS COMMENDS ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS IN FARMINGTON, FARMINGTON HILLS AND SOUTHFIELD

Schools, office buildings among EPA award recipients

LANSING – Sen. Gilda Z. Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods) praised six area Energy Star buildings, cited for excellence in energy efficiency by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Recipients include: Farmington High School, North Farmington High, and the Tri-Atria building on Northwestern Highway in Farmington. Also cited were: Oak Hollow #40, One Northwestern Plaza, and Two Towne Square office buildings in Southfield.

“Energy efficiency is the way of the future, and these buildings are ahead of their time” Sen. Jacobs said. “With a growing green sector in today’s economy, this special recognition from the EPA becomes ever more valuable, not only for our economic health, but for our environmental health as well.”

The Energy Star status is awarded annually to buildings who meet qualifications for energy efficiency established by the EPA. On average they use about two-thirds of the energy required by regular buildings of comparable application. Doing so saves these buildings money in the form of utilities and power, along with contributing to a healthy environment.

New buildings are added to the list annually, increasing from 2,700 awarded in 2006 to 4,100 recognized in 2007. Nationally, nearly \$1.5 billion has been saved in energy costs due to the innovations these buildings have adopted. The reductions in carbon dioxide emissions were equivalent to those caused by powering 1.5 million homes annually.

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