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GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE HITS THE MARK

MADISON - Rep. Gary Hebl (D-Sun Prairie) today applauded Governor Jim Doyle's third State of the State address as a positive report on the successes of the past year and a strong look to the future to keep Wisconsin moving in the right direction.

"Under Governor Doyle's leadership our schools are the best in the nation, we've created 70,000 new jobs, and cut our budget deficit in half - all without raising taxes." Hebl continued, "From the Governor's KidsFirst Initiative to his plans for a new program called Badger Rx to help folks receive prescription drugs at reduced prices, the Governor is proving once again that his priorities are in the right place."

The State of the State Address centered on four major areas: growing our economy, putting Wisconsin kids first, expanding access to health care and restoring fiscal discipline to state government.

"The Governor's initiatives to expand four-year old kindergarten and repeal the QEO will help continue Wisconsin's great tradition of public schools. I'm also looking forward to working with the Governor to create more jobs, accomplish meaningful tax relief to those who are struggling to put their kids through college, and to expand health care access to more people," stated Rep. Hebl.

Hebl agreed with the Governor's remarks relating to a need for bipartisanship and cited the \$19 million dollars in savings the Legislature and the Governor accomplished today during a Special Session of the Legislature.

"I'm especially proud that my first vote on the floor of the State Assembly saved taxpayers \$19 million by refinancing state debt. Jim Doyle is running state government the same way we'd run a family budget, and I look forward to helping him continue to do just that," Rep. Hebl concluded.

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