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National Biodiesel Board Salutes Senator Bond for Leadership in Renewable Energy

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. - The National Biodiesel Board salutes Senator Kit Bond for 40 years of outstanding public service, in response to his announcement that he will not seek re-election in 2010.

“Senator Bond is a model for the kind of strong leader and courageous public servant that our country needs,” said Joe Jobe, CEO of the NBB. “Senator Bond has been a pioneering leader for renewable energy and has contributed greatly to the progress our country has made so far.”

The NBB was formed by American soybean farmers in 1993 as a Missouri-based development group. Senator Bond was an immediate supporter of the fuel and has been promoting the increased development of a national biodiesel industry ever since. Since then NBB has become a comprehensive national trade association with more than 400 organizational members and representing more than 150 biodiesel production plants across the country.

“Senator Bond’s work helped give birth, strength, and support to this emerging industry which is responsible for bringing an estimated 20,000 green jobs and over 700 million gallons of domestic renewable fuel to the fuel supply,” Jobe said.

Senator Bond was honored in 2001 with the NBB National Energy Leadership award.

“We admire and respect this distinguished career,” said Jobe. “We also join him in his call for the country to come together to work on the significant challenges we face. We look forward to continuing to work with him during his final term in the U.S. Senate and to continue the work he has fought for in renewable energy.”

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