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NEW GAMING COMMISSIONER ATTENDS FIRST MEETING

Although not yet confirmed by the Senate, Mrs. Judith Sutter-Hinrichs answered the Commissioner roll call at the January 22, 2003, Missouri Gaming Commission meeting. Governor Holden appointed Mrs. Sutter-Hinrichs to the Commission on January 3rd.

Sutter-Hinrichs is a Marketing and Public/Community Relations professional. She graduated from Washington University in St. Louis, in 1964 and currently serves as Vice President - Community Relations for MERS/Goodwill, which has 26 stores and 14 rehabilitation centers in Missouri and Illinois. From 1990 through 2002 she directed the Missouri-Illinois efforts to develop the East St. Louis, Illinois riverfront into a National Park or a major cultural facility.

She has committed a great deal of her life to serving the St. Louis metropolitan area. Her volunteer service to the area includes: serving as the Board President of St. Mary's Hospital of East St. Louis Foundation; participating in Leadership St. Louis

and the St. Louis Now planning process; being a member of the RCGA Public Policy Council; past president or executive board member of the St. Louis Zoo Friends Association, and the Asthma and Allergy Foundation, Life Crisis Services and the St. Louis Association for Retarded Citizens.

Robert Smith, Chairman of the Commission said, "The Commission is fortunate to have someone of Mrs. Sutter-Hinrichs reputation and experience. Judy has a wealth of public policy experience and we look forward to tapping into it."

Mrs. Sutter-Hinrichs is married to Rich Meckfessel, the former Head Men's' Basketball at the University of Missouri - St. Louis. They have four adult children and three grandchildren.

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