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Retailers Recognize and Thank Senator James Metzen For Appreciating What Retailers Bring To Minnesota's Communities

St. Paul, Minnesota – August 17, 2015 – At its annual legislative wrap-up golf event on August 11 in Prior Lake, the Minnesota Retailers Association (MnRA) recognized and thanked James Metzen for his leadership in the Minnesota Senate and support of retail jobs. Senator Metzen--a South St. Paul 9-term Democrat in the State Senate--serves as chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee.

Throughout his tenure at the State Capitol, Metzen has supported first-work-experiences and careers offered by retailers in his local district and across the state. Metzen's actions as chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee have shown an understanding and appreciation for importance of businesses and the retail community.

In recognizing Metzen, MnRA president Bruce Nustad said "Jim Metzen believes in Minnesota, its consumers, its workers, and he has a long history of understanding and appreciating what retailers bring to local communities. In fact, he's been a longtime advocate for the 788,000 jobs the retail community impacts across the State. In his leadership role, Senator Metzen brings people together to solve Minnesota problems and capitalize on opportunities. Today retailers across the State say thank you to Senator Metzen for his decades of leadership and commitment to the State of Minnesota."

Having worked closely with Metzen on dozens of vital economic projects, River Heights Chamber of Commerce President Jennifer Gale added this: "Senator Metzen is an asset to not only the south metro region but to the entire state of Minnesota for his ability to see the bigger picture. He is an advocate for business and is respected in both parties, brokering conversations to pass fair, pro-jobs legislation. Senator Metzen was instrumental in projects such as the Wakota Bridge expansion, the Lafayette Bridge project and the Cedar Avenue express way, and many other transportation projects that make it easier for commerce to move smoothly in our region. The River Heights Chamber of Commerce is proud to have Senator Metzen as a partner working towards a pro-business region."

Since 1952, the Minnesota Retailers Association (MnRA) has been the champion of retail business in Minnesota, both large and small. MnRA's 1,500 plus member establishments are a diverse group, ranging from companies like Bachman's to the Norby's Department Store in Detroit Lakes and the Uffda Shop in Red Wing. Learn more at www.mnretail.org.

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