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## **Illinois Chamber Presents the Bridge Builder Award to Senate Recipient, *Senator Jil Tracy***

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce congratulates Senator Jil Tracy for receiving our *Bridge Builder Award*. The Bridge Builder is our newest award which recognizes bipartisanship and collaboration in the General Assembly. Today's release is the final of four to be issued for this session.

Senator Jil Tracy has served in the Illinois Senate since 2016 and was a member of the House of Representatives from 2006-2014. During the 103rd General Assembly, Senator Tracy served as Spokesperson for the Judiciary Committee and was a member of the Labor, Executive, Higher Education, Appropriations (Education), and Veterans Affairs committees. She also serves on the Legislative Ethics Commission. In her early career, Senator Tracy worked in private law and served as Mt. Sterling City Attorney. Later, she served as an Assistant Illinois Attorney General. Senator Tracy resides in Quincy, IL where she currently serves on numerous community boards.

"Senator Tracy has shown that her goal is to improve our state and has been successful in working across the aisle to accomplish that objective," said Lou Sandoval, President and CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. "We are proud to share this award with her and to highlight her bipartisan and collegial approach to governing."

"Sen. Tracy is a relentless advocate for economic policies that make Illinois a better, more affordable place to work, live and raise a family," said Illinois Senate Republican Leader John Curran (R-Downers Grove). "She has dedicated her storied career to improving our state by investing in Illinois families and businesses with great success. Sen. Tracy's leadership on business issues is invaluable to our caucus and the people of Illinois, and there is no senator more deserving of this prestigious award."

"Receiving the Bridge Builder Award from the Illinois Chamber is quite an honor. My focus as a lawmaker has always been economic development and I believe working together for the common good is a much more effective way of making our state a better place to live and work," said Sen. Tracy. "A strong jobs climate helps all Illinois residents."

### ***About the Bridge Builder Award***

With the Bridge Builder award, the Illinois Chamber recognizes two legislators from each chamber, one from each caucus, who display a willingness and effectiveness in reaching across the aisle to work together to make Illinois a more attractive place to conduct business.

### ***About the Illinois Chamber of Commerce***

Founded in 1919, as one of the oldest state business organizations, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce represents over 3,000 businesses statewide covering a diverse range of industries. As the leading business organization in Illinois, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to advocating for a business environment that promotes economic growth, free enterprise, and

economic prosperity for businesses of all sizes and across all industries.

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