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Scott Praises PSO for Literacy Contribution

OKLAHOMA CITY – State Rep. Seneca Scott praised PSO for its support of literacy programs that help needy children.

“PSO continues to prove its value as not only an employer, but as an outstanding corporate citizen with today’s contribution to Smart Start Oklahoma,” said Scott, D-Tulsa. “The impact of PSO’s donation will be felt for years through the lives of the children who benefit from this important literacy effort.”

Scott was among the officials attending today’s PSO announcement at the Crosstown Learning Center in Tulsa.

At that event, PSO’s AEP Foundation made a three-year pledge of \$225,000 to Smart Start Oklahoma for early childhood literacy programs. Of that amount, the Tulsa area, through JumpStart Tulsa, will receive \$52,000.

“Crosstown and other ‘Early Learning Centers’ are key for strengthening early child beginnings and the Child Care Resources Center helps make this possible,” Scott said. “I have seen its impact first-hand, not only because Crosstown is in my district, but because my daughter went to school there. The program is a huge asset to the area and this is a great day for our local community.”

Since 2004, PSO and the AEP Foundation have donated more than \$700,000 to early childhood literacy programs through SmartStart Oklahoma.

“A child with solid reading skills is on a path to lifelong learning and achievement,” Scott said. “I am proud Oklahoma’s business community, particularly PSO, recognize the value of investing in the educational foundation of Oklahoma’s children.”