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2005 CONVOCATION DINNER FEATURES

THE HONORABLE J.C. WATTS

St. Joseph, Mo. —Sept. 20, 2005—Missouri Western State University will host a Convocation dinner featuring the Honorable J.C. Watts, business leader and former Congressman, at 7 p.m. Oct. 5 in the Fulkerson Center on campus. Watts will give a presentation and take questions from the audience after the dinner.

Cost is \$30 per person. To make reservations, call 816-271-5646 by Sept. 29.

Watts served in the U.S. Congress from 1994-2002. Currently he is the chairman of the J.C. Watts Companies, working with clients to implement business development, communications and public affairs strategies. He serves on a number of national boards and is currently working with the Business Roundtable to develop a nationwide effort to increase business opportunities in America's inner cities and poor rural areas. He co-founded and co-chairs the Coalition for AIDS Relief in Africa. Watts is a frequent guest on national and international television news shows and radio shows. His book is titled *What Color is a Conservative?*

Watts will also give a talk entitled, "In-Depth Political Analysis," at the Convocation on Critical Issues at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 6 in the M.O. Looney Complex. That event is free and open to the community.

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Missouri Western State University is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The university offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.