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**TACONY CORPORATION RECEIVES THE MISSOURI IMPACT AWARD
FROM MISSOURI ENTERPRISE**

St. James, MO - Congresswoman JoAnn Emerson today presented the 2002 Missouri Impact Award to Ken Tacony, President of Tacony Corporation of Fenton, Missouri. The award is sponsored by Missouri Enterprise, a nonprofit corporation dedicated to helping Missouri businesses succeed, and recognized Tacony for its excellence in continuous improvement of manufacturing in the state of Missouri.

Ken accepted the award on behalf of his family and every associate at Tacony Corporation, especially those at Tacony Manufacturing in St. James. He recognized former Mayor Nelson Hart, Mayor Jim Morrison, Bill Marshall and David Connell from Phelps County Bank and Russ Lindenlaub of Missouri Enterprise for helping Tacony become a part of the St. James community. He also thanked Congresswoman Emerson and all others who helped Tacony in many technical and economic ways to be able to move their manufacturing operations from Taiwan to Missouri in 1997.

Ken Tacony stated, "Most of all, my very special thanks to all Tacony associates who participated over the past five years and have worked so hard bringing our dream to reality. Our decision to build world-class vacuum cleaner products in the United States for our Riccar, Simplicity and Powr-Flite customers was the right one. Thank you very much for this very special honor."

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