

# TAMMANY TOAD AWARD

Is hereby presented by the

**Public Policy Caucuses**

to

*Governor Rod Blagojevich*

For his exceptional abuse of the principles of democracy and disservice to the people of Illinois by virtue of his veto of more than \$450 million of budget appropriations passed by both houses of the Illinois General Assembly. He improperly exploited personal power in defiance of the representative will of the State Legislature, and re-appropriated taxpayer money to his own pet projects, in a usurpation of power unseen in Illinois history. Furthermore, he used the precision of the line-item veto to punish his political adversaries by vetoing projects according to his relationships with the sponsors as opposed to the merits of the expenditures.

By his action, the Governor has placed backroom politics above the State Constitution, Legislature authority and fiscal responsibility.



Presented on this *27th* day of *August*, in the year of our Lord, *2007*.

Signed:

*John Q. Public*