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### **Senator Frank Barnitz Visits Richland and Crocker**

JEFFERSON CITY – State Senator Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, as part of his promise to keep in touch with Missourians in the 16th Senate District, last week returned to northern Pulaski County and visited with the residents of Richland and Crocker. Senator Barnitz was joined by his in-district legislative assistant, former State Representative Bill Ransdall, who is very much familiar with northern Pulaski County after serving four consecutive, two-year terms in the Missouri House of Representatives.

“Some elected officials poll and some listen to special interest groups, but I would much rather listen to what people think – listen to what they are concerned about,” said Senator Barnitz, who today started his first full term as the senator from the 16th District of Missouri.

In Richland, the Senator visited with local bankers and business owners. At Richland City Hall, economic development issues were discussed with City Administrator Anita Ivey – specifically, the lack of economic development funds available for small cities in rural Missouri and the need for expansion of infrastructure and financial assistance for development in the Richland Industrial Park.

Some of these concerns were also shared by officials in Crocker. Their city needs economic development funds to offset the problems, such as proper treatment and disposal of water and wastewater, brought by the expansion of residential areas.

“It was a good day to visit the folks in Richland and Crocker,” said Senator Barnitz. “Going to the local banks, city halls, restaurants, barber shops, and senior centers gives you a real feel for what’s on the mind of the people.”