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# Senator John Cauthorn Lists Gubernatorial Inaugural Events

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*Stresses That All Missourians Are Welcome and Encouraged to Participate*

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JEFFERSON CITY – Senator John Cauthorn, R-Mexico, today relayed the schedule of public events planned for the inauguration of Governor-elect Matt Blunt on Jan. 10, 2005.

“Witnessing the swearing in of our next governor is the witnessing of history,” Sen. Cauthorn said. “Inaugural day is a day for Mr. Blunt, and a day for all he will soon serve as governor.”

The first of the inaugural day’s public events is a prayer service at 9 a.m. at Jefferson City’s First Baptist Church (301 E. Capitol Ave., phone: 573-634-3603). At 10 a.m., a parade begins winding its way from a starting point several blocks southeast of the Capitol to the Capitol’s south steps, where the swearing-in ceremony is to begin at 11:15 a.m. The new governor will then greet the public at the governor’s mansion beginning at 2 p.m. and will preside over the traditional inaugural ball scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. in the Capitol rotunda.

No invitations, tickets or money are needed to participate in these public inaugural events.

“Everyone is welcome, and welcome without obligation or cost,” Sen. Cauthorn said. “And I can guarantee the tab for Mr. Blunt’s inauguration will be a lot, lot less expensive than Mr. Holden’s million-dollar soiree.”

Governor-elect Blunt will be the state’s second-youngest chief executive as Missouri’s 54<sup>th</sup> governor. His current term as Missouri’s secretary of state will end when his gubernatorial term begins at noon on Jan. 10. Other candidates slated to take the oath of statewide office that day include State Treasurer-elect Sarah Steelman, Lt. Governor-elect Peter Kinder, Secretary of State-elect Robin Carnahan and re-elected Attorney General Jay Nixon.

Anyone interested in further details on the approaching gubernatorial inauguration can call Sen. Cauthorn’s capitol office: (573) 751-6858.