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Kevin Engler Receives Oath of Office as Senator of Missouri's 3rd Senatorial District

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Kevin Engler, R-Farmington, today received the oath of office as senator of the 3rd Senatorial District as the First Regular Session of the 93rd General Assembly convened in the State Capitol at noon. Engler's wife Chris, daughter Aimee, and mother-in-law Billie Baptiste joined him at the swearing-in ceremony.

Engler, who was elected to the Senate in November, plans to focus on the needs of the constituents for the 2005 legislative session.

"I am eager to move forward to serve those who elected me by reflecting their values in the direction I take this coming session," Engler said.

That direction will be outlined by his advocacies of strengthening education, funding parks and public centers, enhancing business growth, limiting taxes, securing the needs of senior citizens and protecting the rights of the unborn and the right to lawfully keep and bear arms.

"There are so many issues that I feel strongly about because the people I serve share the same concerns," Engler said. "I can ensure that I will be there for the people of the 3rd Senatorial District to listen, to serve, to be their voice in the Missouri Senate."

Engler is coming off of a two-year term as state representative of the 106th district and has previously served as the mayor of Farmington and as a member of the Farmington City Council.

"My experience from prior leadership positions sets the foundation for my future endeavors with serving Missouri," Engler said.

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This will be the first time in two years that the 3rd Senatorial District will be represented in Missouri's upper chamber by someone who is from and lives in the area. Engler is also the first Republican since 1970 to be elected to represent the area and is the first resident of Farmington to be elected to the Missouri Senate since 1923.

"I am excited at the privilege of turning this official representation of the 3rd Senatorial District into an official success by doing my best to put the people first and make progress for not only our district, but the whole state of Missouri," Engler said.

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