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Election of Kevin Engler Restores Local Representation In Missouri Senate
To Counties in Missouri's 3rd Senatorial District

JEFFERSON CITY -- The election of Sen.-elect. Kevin Engler, R-Farmington, to the Missouri Senate will restore local representation to the 3rd Senatorial District in the Legislature's upper chamber for the first time in two years.

Engler, who was elected to the Senate in Tuesday's Nov. 2 General Election, ran on a platform of strong economic and business growth, limited taxes and careful protection of constitutional rights ranging from the right to lawfully keep and bear arms to the protection of the unborn.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for all of us in the 3rd Senatorial District," Engler said. "We have overcome the unusual situation caused by redistricting in 2001 and are ready to move forward to make positive changes to help improve the services and representation of all citizens of the 3rd Senatorial District."

In 2001, district numbers were changed during statewide legislative redistricting, triggering a two-year lapse in which the new 3rd District -- generally the old 20th District -- did not have a member representing the district who lived in or was elected from the new district.

"We are coming off a vigorous campaign in which people all across this district shared their ideas and concerns with me," Engler said. "We are ready to move forward to address those concerns and to ensure every citizen in this district is represented in the Missouri Senate."

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Engler's election to the Missouri Senate is historic in several aspects. He is the first Republican since 1970 elected to represent the area now generally contained in the 3rd Senatorial District. He is also the first resident of Farmington to be elected to the Missouri Senate since 1923.

Further, the Missouri General Assembly in which Engler will serve as a Senator will be the first since 1921 in which Republicans served as governor and held a majority in the Missouri Senate and Missouri House of Representatives.

Engler previously served as a state representative from the 106th District, as the mayor of Farmington and as a member of the Farmington City Council.

Today, Engler traveled to the Capitol to take part in caucuses in which new leaders were selected for the upcoming session of the General Assembly that begins Jan. 5.

"There is an old saying in the Capitol that history is made every day in the Missouri Senate," Engler said. "I am deeply honored and grateful that the voters of the 3rd Senatorial District have given me this opportunity to be part of positive and important historical progress for our district and our state."

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