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# Senator John Loudon Hosts Leadership Academy Day at the Capitol

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JEFFERSON CITY— A group of 37 students from various schools within Senator John Loudon's district arrived with their families on a chilly February morning to witness state government in action during Leadership Academy Day. The day was packed with exciting events including a tour of the Governor's mansion, a trip to the top of the Capitol dome, and a visit to the Senate Chamber as guests of Senator Loudon.

President's Day 2005 marked the 7<sup>th</sup> year for Senator Loudon's hosting of Leadership Academy Day, which was started when he served in the Missouri House of Representatives.

"These students are tomorrow's adult citizens," Senator Loudon said, "They hold the key to the future, not only for the state, but for the nation."

For some of the students, the day marked their first visit to Jefferson City. They witnessed the lawmakers during floor debate, saw a falcon's nest at the top of the dome, and even took time out to eat pizza.

Senator Loudon always welcomes school groups visiting the Capitol.

"Students are one of our state's most precious resources," he said, "Many of them may walk these halls again someday as legislators."

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