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Sen. Cauthorn Calls on Missouri Universities to Provide In-State Tuition to Displaced Hurricane Katrina Victims

Offers Information for Students, Institutions

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – College students that evacuated the Gulf Coast and are unable to return to classes should receive in-state tuition to Missouri Universities according to Senator John Cauthorn (R-Mexico). Many institutions in the hurricane stricken area such as Tulane and Loyola University of New Orleans will not resume classes this semester, and many displaced students are searching for a way to take classes.

“Students are wanting to continue their education in despite of this horrific tragedy, they want to resume normal lives,” said Cauthorn. “Missouri universities can help the displaced hurricane victims by waiving the out of state tuition costs. We have opened our doors to our neighbors in the south, and this is one more opportunity to help.”

Many colleges and universities in the state have extended application deadlines, waived admittance fees and worked with students for financial assistance. In Cauthorn’s district, Truman State University and Hannibal La-Grange College have both been hands on in helping students that had to flee the Gulf Coast. Cauthorn feels that the state can and should do more.

“Folks have lost their homes, their jobs, their livelihood,” said Cauthorn. “Paying out of state tuition is an additional unnecessary burden for people that may not have a lot right now.”

According to the American Council on Education, students should be enrolled as visitors, not as transferring students. They have set up a website, www.campusrelief.org as an information clearinghouse for both institutions and students as recovery from Katrina continues. Many students who have already paid for classes will have their dollars applied to the new school they attend.

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