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Senator Bill Stouffer Rallies Support for 'Operation Girl Scout Cookie'

Coordinates Shipping of 270 Boxes of Girl Scout Cookies to Troops in Iraq

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, rallied support in helping to ship nearly 300 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to U.S. troops stationed in Iraq.

“A group of young, energetic and caring constituents had a problem and I was more than glad to lend a hand,” Stouffer said.

With this year’s annual cookie drive season upon them, the 25 Girl Scouts of Macon-area *Becky Thatcher Group 507* decided to make an effort to sell extra boxes and send them to troops in Iraq. A glitch in the plan surfaced once the more than 200 boxes had been sold as the girls discovered it would cost \$2 a box to ship them overseas. Looking for a way to defray the unanticipated cost of more than \$400, Macon resident Jym Tuttle enlisted Senator Stouffer’s help. Mr. Tuttle’s wife, Brenda, leads the group, which includes their daughter, Sarah, as a member.

After meeting with a representative from UPS, Senator Stouffer arranged to have the boxes of overseas-bound Peanut Butter, Shortbreads and other cookies brought to the capitol. Senator Stouffer and his staff are now working up lists of Macon-area soldiers to receive the goods.

“We’ve gotten terrific support from UPS and it looks like these Girl Scout cookies will soon be shipping out to our men and women in Iraq, with no cost to the scouts,” Stouffer said. “My thanks to the Tuttle, the girls of Group 507, and the folks at UPS. I enjoyed being a small part of this win-win project.”

Senator Bill Stouffer now represents Carroll, Chariton, Cooper, Howard, Lafayette, Macon, Ray and Saline counties and northeast Clay County in the state legislature. He can be reached at his capitol office at (573) 751-1507, or toll free at (866) 768-3987.