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Cape Girardeau Marching Band Delights Crowd at Inauguration

JEFFERSON CITY - A select group of high school students from Cape Girardeau was given the unique opportunity to participate in the Inauguration ceremonies for Missouri's 54th governor, Matt Blunt.

Members of the Central High School Marching Band, led by Director Neil Casey, left Cape Girardeau at 4 a.m. January 10th to perform in the Inaugural Parade later that morning. "That's a sacrifice for any teenager that I've ever known," Casey said, adding the 90 students were very excited to be invited to participate in the Capitol festivities. The Central Marching Band performed the song "America" at the parade.

Following the Inaugural ceremony on the front steps of the Capitol, Senator Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, and Rep. Nathan Cooper, R-Cape Girardeau, personally led the students on a tour of the building and presented Casey with Senate and House Resolutions honoring the band.

"As an alumnus of Cape Central it was an honor to host these outstanding student members of Central's band and to show them around the halls of state government," Crowell said.

After the tour, members of the Central Marching Band had their photographs taken with Crowell and Cooper.