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## Education and Health Care: Moving Forward



Rev. B.T. Rice addressing the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration following the Governor's State of the State speech.

The third week of the 2006 legislative began on Tuesday due to the statewide observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Nevertheless, lawmakers were able to advance several important measures.

## **Veteran's Legislation**

This week we introduced legislation to provide college scholarships to the spouses and children of military veterans from Missouri who were killed or seriously injured in the line of duty.

Senate Bill 876 provides tuition grant as well as money for room and board and books. When any family loses a loved one, financial burdens can add to the devastation. Most people can provide for this with life. Our service men and women do not have this option as life insurance exclude protection for anyone killed in combat. Knowing that funding for college education is covered both comforts the soldier and honors the civilian's side of the sacrifice.

## **Newt Gingrich Visits the Capitol**

Former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich addressed senators Wednesday morning in the Senate chamber. Gingrich, who is co-founder of the Center for Health Transformation, is working tirelessly to advance next generation health care delivery nationwide.

Gingrich's top priority is using a long-term approach to health care, utilizing healthy living, 21<sup>st</sup>-century technology and preventive care, to keep costs down while improving overall health. He has called on public entities to reject paper records in favor of modern services, such as resources available through the Internet, and to allow health-care beneficiaries more control over their policies.

These common-sense ideas are just what Missouri needs to move away from our bloated Medicaid system and into a program that is efficient and adequate for all sides.



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If you have questions or comments about these issues or any other topic, please call my Capitol office at (573) 751-9763. Thank you for your support.

## Quote of the Week

“Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did.”

**-Newt Gingrich-**