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Sen. Frank Barnitz Welcomes Hermann High School's *Kammerchor* to State Capitol

JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, last Wednesday welcomed Hermann High School's *Kammerchor* to the Missouri State Capitol as part of the Missouri Alliance for Arts Education's Fine Arts Education Day. The choir performed in the Capitol Rotunda in the afternoon.

During their visit, the Senator took time from Senate proceedings to meet with the choir and its director, Ernestine Mueller. "I am pleased that students from Hermann were able to visit and perform in the Capitol," said Sen. Barnitz, who represents the 16th Senatorial District. "What an exciting venue for them in which to perform. I hope they enjoyed their experience here."

Besides choral performances, Fine Arts Education Day featured student art exhibits and performances in music, dance, and theatre. The Missouri Alliance for Arts Education lobbied the General Assembly to support public funding of the Missouri Fine Arts Assessment by requesting legislators' support to appropriate \$545,000 toward the budget of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the use of promoting fine arts education.

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Photo attachment: Students from Hermann High School on the steps in the Capitol rotunda