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## Sen. Frank Barnitz Welcomes Sophomore Pilgrimage Students

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, recently welcomed three high school sophomores from the 16<sup>th</sup> District to the Capitol for the annual Sophomore Pilgrimage program. The group was joined by two members of the Tri-C Club of the General Federation of Women's Club, Peggy Holland and Judy Workman.

"I am happy I got the opportunity to meet with the students that were here for the Sophomore Pilgrimage," said Sen. Barnitz. "They acted as excellent representatives and ambassadors for their high schools."

The Sophomore Pilgrimage program is sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Missouri. Students are nominated by faculty and then voted on by the student body in order to participate. Selection is based on the student's demonstrated citizenship, scholarship, and leadership.

The students spent the day touring the Capitol, the Missouri Supreme Court, and the Governor's Mansion. Students on the trip from the 16<sup>th</sup> District included Michelle Pearson from the Cuba R-2 District, Emali Kimker from the Bourbon R-1 District, and Katie Hatcher from the Steelville R-3 District.

"These students are a talented group that earned the respect of their teachers and fellow students," said Sen. Barnitz. "I congratulate them because that is certainly something to be proud of."

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(From left) Peggy Holland, Judy Workman, Michelle Pearson, Sen. Barnitz, Emali Kimker, and Katie Hatcher meet in the Bingham Gallery.

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