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Member of 21st District Visits Sen. Stouffer's Capitol Office for Job Shadow

JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, was pleased to host a member of the 21st District in a job shadowing experience on April 17. Benjy Heins of Higginsville joined Stouffer in the Capitol and gained first-hand knowledge of his legislative duties.

“It was a pleasure to have Benjy join us in Jefferson City to learn about the everyday business of being a state senator,” Stouffer said. “Witnessing the democratic process in action is an important experience, and I encourage all constituents of the 21st District to value their role in state government.”

Heins decided to job shadow for Sen. Stouffer after previous visits to the state capitol. He said the job shadow experience gave him a better understanding of the legislative process. “I have gained a more complete understanding of some of the politics that go on in politics,” Heins said. “Not everything is as simple and easy as the textbooks state. This visit has enabled me to see more of the real world of legislation, not the idealized version.”

Heins applauded schools in Missouri for their thorough overview of state government by teaching the legislative process. “My visit to the capitol expanded my understanding of the legislative process, providing a more in-depth view of government,” Heins said. “Without the primer given in schools, such visits would not be as productive and educational because the foundation of knowledge would be missing.”

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“I know Benjy will have an outstanding career in whatever field he chooses to pursue,” Stouffer said. “I hope that other high school students in the 21st District choose to take part in our job-shadowing program.”

For more information, contact Sen. Stouffer at (573) 751-1507 or toll free at (866) 768-3987.



Benjy Heins of Higginsville (left) participated in a job shadow with Sen. Bill Stouffer (right) on Tuesday, April 17. A jpeg of the photo has been attached. If you have trouble with the photo, contact Senate Communications at (573) 751-3824 or jvandevyvere@senate.mo.gov.

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