

THE STOUFFER REPORT

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10,000 and Counting – Continuing To Serve the People of Rural Missouri

When I was elected to be your state senator, my number one goal was to be known for my constituent services. Congressman Ike Skelton, known for his accessibility to Missourians, has paved the way for constituent services in his district. I wanted to uphold that value as your state senator — I believe it is the most important part of this job.

Each day, my office receives phone calls, letters, and e-mails from the citizens of rural Missouri. We try to answer questions, take down concerns, and track the major issues that concern our constituents. Our constituents are the reason why I am here, and since my first day in the Missouri Senate, I have strived to serve them the best way I know how.

The part I find greatly rewarding is celebrating special moments with the people of the 21st Senate District. I believe every birth, graduation, birthday, marriage, anniversary, retirement, or other milestone in a person's life deserves to be recognized and celebrated. Through announcements in newspaper articles and an online courtesy resolution request form (found on my Senate Web site), my office drafts courtesy resolutions for individuals who wish to mark a special moment in their life with recognition from the Missouri Senate.

This week, my office completed its $10,000^{th}$ formal recognition. I pride myself in being committed to my constituents, and these courtesy resolutions are a small token of my appreciation for allowing me to serve for the people of rural Missouri.

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My Senate Web site has other constituent services available. There is <u>Capitol tour</u> <u>information</u> listed for groups or individuals who wish to visit and learn about our state's history as well as interesting facts about the building in which I serve. High school or college students who are interested in learning more about the legislative process or who would like an inside look into the world of the Missouri Senate can <u>apply to work as an intern</u>. Constituents can also sign up for my weekly e-mail updates, which contain legislative news, events, and other information concerning the people of the 21st Senate District.

If you have questions or comments about constituent services or any other issue, please call my office toll free (866) 768-3987 or send me an e-mail at bstouffer@senate.mo.gov.

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