



WEEKLY REPORT

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District 32



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Valuable Office Assets

The past two Mondays were observed state holidays, meaning most state workers and many in the private sector were given the days off in the name of two of the most notable presidents in our nation's history — Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. I would like to formally thank my own office staff for coming in on those holidays to help me carry through the will of the people.

Those who work in my district and Capitol offices are invaluable to my role as a state senator. The work in representing the 32nd Senate District, approximately 160,000 residents, is a team effort. We work diligently to ensure that the office is in order and that the people it represents are provided with first-class service. Keeping it all straight would not be possible without the competent individuals behind the scenes.

Barbara Mustoe has been my Capitol office chief of staff since I became a senator five years ago. She hails from Kansas City and is a graduate of the University of Missouri, and has an extensive background in various aspects of state government. I do not know what I would do without her because as the office manager, she has a never-ending list of duties including scheduling, legislation and event coordination. She lives with her two children and her husband in Jefferson City.

Jake Heisten, my legislative assistant, was an intern for my office last year. He is a recent graduate from Missouri Southern State University, where he earned a degree in political science. Because he is originally from Carthage, he has been a genuine asset to my office team since he can relate to constituent concerns and the overall needs of the district. He handles constituent correspondence, tracks legislation and helps facilitate media relations, and he might someday take his experience and run for a public office himself.

Tom Flanigan serves as the district special assistant. He, too, is from Carthage. Tom has been my friend and advisor for a long time, and he is a strong supplement to my in-district staff. He has served as a member of the Carthage City Council and on various boards and commissions in Jasper County. As an interesting fact, Tom's great-grandfather, John H. "Fire Alarm" Flanigan, also served as the House Minority Leader of the 35th General Assembly.

We also have a part-time corresponding secretary in Webb City, Nicole Anderson, and a Capitol office intern, Adam Hancock. I enjoy working with both of them and am thankful to have them on my roster.

I cannot express enough my gratitude for these hardworking people. Representing the best interests of the 32nd Senate District is a commitment from all of us. I appreciate the hard work and dedication from these good people to accomplish this goal. They show up every day, even on holidays if requested, willing to go above and beyond to assist me in filling my legislative duties.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office staff members and see for yourself how helpful they are. You can call toll free 1-866-246-0032, e-mail gary_nodler@senate.mo.gov or write 201 W. Capitol Ave., Rm. 433, State Capitol, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

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