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## STATEMENT

### By Sen. John Loudon on ‘Sammy’s Law’ to Protect Prenatally Diagnosed Down Syndrome Babies *Recent News Event Brings Missouri Law into Focus*

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JEFFERSON CITY – Recent national attention on Vice Presidential Candidate Gov. Sarah Palin, whose newborn infant was diagnosed with Down Syndrome through prenatal screening, is a timely reminder of Missouri’s 2007 law regarding prenatal screening of Down Syndrome babies.

Sen. John Loudon (R-Chesterfield) sponsored a provision in last year’s House Bill 818, affectionately known as “Sammy’s Law,” which requires doctors to tell expecting parents how often prenatal testing results in a “false positive” and to provide access to timely referral information, including resources for support services and adoption resources.

Sen. Loudon and his wife, Gina, adopted a Down Syndrome child in 2006 that they named Sammy.

“People may not know this, but more than 90 percent of children who test positive for Down Syndrome are aborted. That is horrific. In Missouri, I succeeded in urging state lawmakers last year to adopt ‘Sammy’s Law’ as a defense of life for children with Down Syndrome. As a parent of a Down Syndrome son, I can tell you first-hand there are more joys imaginable in raising this beautiful young boy God created, and I hope parents out there who face this special challenge will carefully consider choosing life for these innocent and precious children who deserve the right to be born and loved.”

– Sen. John Loudon

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