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Sen. Mayer Announces Senate Approval of Gubernatorial Appointees

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Rob Mayer, R-Dexter, today announced that the Senate has approved the nominations of Kathleen Hampton, of Bernie, and Julie Robinson, of Cape Girardeau, for appointment to the state's Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board. The nine-member, non-partisan board provides an independent review of child abuse and neglect determinations and rulings made by the state's Division of Family Services.

Hampton, a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, has more than 20 years of experience with the Missouri Department of Corrections and is a former social worker for children. Robinson, a registered nurse, is employed as an emergency room nurse at Southeast Missouri Hospital and in the intensive care unit at St. Francis Hospital, both located in Cape Girardeau. She is a graduate of the nursing program at Southeast Missouri State University.

"Kathleen Hampton and Julie Robinson are supremely qualified to serve as advocates for the wellbeing of Missouri's children," Sen. Mayer said. "Their lengthy experiences in the justice, child protection and patient advocacy arenas will be vital to the emotion-charged work of the Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board."

The nomination of Joseph Knodell, Poplar Bluff, to the Board of Probation and Parole also received Senate approval. Knodell, a longtime educator and former school superintendent, was most recently the city planner for Poplar Bluff. A graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, with a specialist degree in education and a master's degree in elementary school

supervision, Knodell also earned a bachelor’s degree with emphases in history and psychology from Arkansas State University.

The Board of Probation and Parole is comprised of seven full-time members appointed by the governor, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate. During their six-year terms, members determine the release of individuals from confinement in the Division of Adult Institutions through parole or conditional release.

“Joe Knodell’s varied experience in education and in public planning will be a great asset to the Board of Probation and Parole,” Sen. Mayer said.

The members of many state commissions and boards are appointed by the governor. Gubernatorial appointees then work with their state senator, who serves as a sponsor of the nominee in the confirmation process, which begins before the Senate’s appointments committee and concludes with a consenting vote by the full Senate. Ms. Hampton, Ms. Robinson and Mr. Knodell’s appointments were approved by a Senate panel; and the full Senate gave its consenting vote February 5.

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Sen. Mayer with Julie Robinson during the Senate Gubernatorial hearing.

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Sen. Mayer with Kathleen Hampton during the Senate Gubernatorial hearing.



Sen. Mayer with Joe Knodell during the Senate Gubernatorial hearing.