

Frank A. Barnitz 16<sup>th</sup> Senate District

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## Sen. Frank Barnitz Honors "Unsung Heroes" from 16<sup>th</sup> District

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, recognized two of Missouri's unsung heroes today. Lori Amato of Cuba and Shirley Reed of Steelville were both recognized on the Senate floor yesterday (1-14).

Twelve individuals or groups were chosen this year by a panel of judges to appear in the Missouri Unsung Hero calendar produced by the Missouri Senate.

Lori Amato was recognized for establishing and running the Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center in Cuba. The center she established helps women in unplanned pregnancies by offering free and confidential counseling, parenting classes, and resources.

Shirley Reed was recognized for her work with the Golden Echoes Senior Center. For more than 10 years, she has worked to prepare and manage the home-delivered meals that so many in the area depend on. She serves as the board president of Golden Echoes, Inc. and volunteers at least five days a week in the center.

Sen. Barnitz recognized both of the heroes by presenting them with a Senate resolution.

"There are so many people in our communities that depend on the services that are provided by the individuals committed to a cause," said Sen. Barnitz. "Thank you Lori and Shirley. Your dedication makes an important difference, and I am proud to have the opportunity to honor you today."

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Lori Amato (right) with her husband Tony and Jill Rose of Salem, who nominated her, on the Senate floor receiving a Senate resolution from Sen. Barnitz. Marsha Middleton of Lee's Summit, Jerry Rose of Salem and Don Martin of Cuba also attended the event.



Shirley Reed with her husband Floyd on the Senate floor receiving a Senate resolution from Sen. Barnitz.

*For high resolution jpegs of the above picture, contact <u>sreed@senate.mo.gov</u> or call 573-751-3824.* 

Audio and broadcast quality video clips of the event are available online at <u>http://www.senate.mo.gov/05info/press-room/video.html</u>.

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Senator Frank Barnitz