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Sen. David Pearce Participates in 4-H Missouri Citizenship Youth Forum

JEFFERSON CITY— Senator David Pearce (R-Warrensburg) today took part in the 2009 Missouri Citizenship Youth Forum, which is organized through the state's 4-H program.

More than 150 young Missourians from across the state are attending the three-day event held in Jefferson City, which is designed to teach the students about state government.

"This is a great opportunity to give Missouri's future leaders some insight into the legislative process," Sen. Pearce said. "Many of these bright students will go on to become the state's public servants; it is important for them to understand early on where Missouri's laws come from and how they are created. I'm happy to be able to pass along the knowledge I've gained as a lawmaker to the next generation."

The Youth Forum is divided into four tracks focusing on the state's legislative, executive and judicial processes and media relations. Senator Pearce participated in a mock debate on the House floor to engage students involved in the legislative track.

"I love 4-H because of the many wonderful opportunities it provides our youth," Sen. Pearce said.

Senator Pearce has been closely involved in local 4-H programs for years. He is a former 10-year 4-H member and still volunteers as a Project Leader.

Photos of the event are available on the following page. If you would like high-resolution versions of the below images, please contact Matt Michelson in Sen. Pearce's office at (573) 751-2272.

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Senator David Pearce helped instruct young Missourians participating in 4-H's Missouri Citizenship Youth Forum during a mock debate on the House floor. Callaway County resident Ariana Alton served as Speaker of the House during the workshop.



Senator Pearce with local student Teryn Greer of Vernon County in the House chamber.

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