

*Nothing is politically right
that is morally wrong.*



*Free and fair discussion
is the firmest friend of truth.*

MISSOURI SENATE
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STATEMENT

Senate Leader Charlie Shields Welcomes New Senator Joe Keaveny to the Senate

“As Senate Leader, I welcome Sen. Joe Keaveny to the Missouri Senate as he was sworn in today to represent the people of the 4th Senatorial District. Sen. Keaveny fills the seat vacated by former Sen. Jeff Smith who resigned due to his admitted wrongdoings involving obstruction of justice in a federal elections investigation.

We support Sen. Keaveny as he begins his new journey as a state senator and look forward to working with him as he rebuilds the faith the people of his district may have lost in our democratic process and elected leaders due to Jeff Smith’s actions.

Upon Smith’s departure, we took actions to assure services continued to be provided to the citizens of the 4th Senatorial District and we are glad Sen. Keaveny’s election has been certified and he has been sworn in so that the people of the 4th are no longer without a voice, especially as we approach the beginning of next year’s session and the budget challenges it brings.”

-Senate President Pro Tem Charlie Shields
34th Senatorial District

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