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Sen. Frank Barnitz Welcomes Mandi Scheulen as Capitol Intern

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, today announced that Mandi Scheulen of Loose Creek, daughter of Russell and Miriam Scheulen, will be serving as an intern in his Capitol office during the 2010 legislative session. Scheulen, a junior at the University of Missouri-Columbia, is majoring in Agribusiness Management.

The legislative internship program allows college students to get first-hand experience in a legislative setting. Scheulen's duties will include working with constituents from the 16th District, administrative tasks, and helping to forward local legislative interests.



Senator Barnitz with Mandi Scheulen in his Capitol office.

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"I would like to have a better general understanding of how laws are created," said Scheulen. "My dad and uncle are in politics, and I would like to understand more about the process."

"We are happy to have Mandi in the office, and I am confident she will be an asset to our work during the 2010 legislative session," said Sen. Barnitz. "She is learning very quickly, which is definitely an important talent in the fast-paced atmosphere of the Legislature."

Scheulen will serve throughout the legislative session, which began on January 6th and colludes on May 14th. She will be taking on many of the

responsibilities formerly managed by district legislative assistant Wilma Rowden, who recently accepted another position in the Senate.

"Wilma served the 16th District very well and she will be missed as she moves on to pursue a new opportunity in the Senate," said Sen. Barnitz. "Whether traveling throughout the area to meet with local officials or helping constituents with a tough issue, Wilma was recognized throughout the district as a helpful and friendly part of my staff. I wish her the best of luck, and I am very grateful for her hard work over the past four years."