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Sen. Frank Barnitz Applauds Linn State Technical College for New Propane-Fueled Lawn Equipment

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, today attended the donation and presentation of propane-fueled lawn equipment at Linn State Technical College. Senator Barnitz joined state and college officials in celebrating the donation of the equipment from the Missouri Propane Education and Research Council (MO-PERC) to the college's Commercial Turf and Grounds Management program.

Propane-fueled mowers have been found to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 48 percent compared to gasoline-powered mowers. Less waste and lower maintenance and fuel costs are additional benefits to using propane-fueled lawn equipment. The mowers are an ongoing initiative by Linn State to implement cost effective, reliable, sustainable, and environmentally friendly projects on campus and in the classroom.

"On a state level, we have focused on promoting alternative, cleaner-burning energy, and it is so exciting to see this sort of technology implemented in the 16th District," said Sen. Barnitz. "I support these efforts from Linn State Technical College and MO-PERC, and I would like to encourage residents and businesses throughout Missouri to keep exploring alternative energy options. Steps such as these are beneficial both environmentally and economically."

Linn State's Commercial Turf and Grounds Management program contributes to the green economy by emphasizing the responsible use of products and appropriate plant selection to maximize the environmental benefits of healthy lawns and landscapes.

The event to commemorate the donation took place at 10:30 a.m. today (8-12).