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JEFFERSON CITY – Missouri Sen. Rob Mayer (R-Dexter) welcomed two third-graders from Malden to the Missouri Senate on January 19.

Julie Ann French and Gracie Thomas had been at the Capitol as part of Success Links Technology Day. The two girls had submitted photo story projects that they created using laptop computers that were funded through the education program. Julie Ann had interviewed her father, Bradley J. French, and, Gracie had interviewed her great grandmother, Maxine Thomas. The two girls presented their photo stories to state legislators, including Sen. Mayer. Their teacher, Crystal Slaughter, and principal Kent Luke also attended the event.

“This type of technology is very important in advancing learning,” said Slaughter. “We can cover so many objectives with one program, in a way that the kids will remember.”

“The biggest thing this program does is advances the knowledge and experiences the children have with hands-on opportunities,” said Luke.

“I am proud that these bright young ladies did such a great job on their project and that they were able to learn a little more about their families,” said Sen. Mayer. “As a member of the Education Committee, I always appreciate seeing how school funding is used in a manner that’s efficient while giving Missouri students a head-up on technology.”

Both girls say that their project “wasn’t that hard” but that a full day at the Capitol may have been. “It was very exciting,” said Gracie.

“It was really fun, except there was a lot of standing,” said Julie.



Photo: Third grade teacher Crystal Slaughter, Julie Ann French, Sen. Rob Mayer, Gracie Thomas, and Principal Kent Luke outside the Missouri Senate chamber. The two children were at the State Capitol to present their family photo projects to state legislators.

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