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State Representative Jeff Vernetti Hits the Ground Running with Legislation Important to his District

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The newly-elected representative of House District 123 is wasting no time in taking on issues that are important to Camden County. Jeff Vernetti, R-Camdenton, has pre-filed four pieces of legislation for the session that will begin next month, and three more are pending.

Perhaps the most important measure he has filed would ensure that Missouri properly honors one of the region's fallen law enforcement officers. Osage Beach Police Department Officer Phylcia Carson died August 31 while responding to assist another officer involved in a high-speed pursuit of a suspect who refused to pull over. Officer Carson was 33 and is survived by her husband and six children.

House Bill 107 would dedicate the Grand Glaize Bridge to Officer Carson, honoring her sacrifice to the Lake community.

Another of his bills seeks to ease the burden on area courts that comes from the increase in the region's population during the summer months. House Bill 108 would add another circuit judge to the 26th Judicial Circuit, to help meet demand.

"Our courts are overwhelmed with cases connected directly to our seasonal influx of visitors. We are short-handed on the bench and this needs to be fixed," Representative Vernetti said.

House Bill 105 would authorize the conveyance of the Lee C. Fine Memorial Airport in Miller County to the City of Osage Beach in Camden County. Representative Vernetti says this would be crucial for economic development in the Lake region. He says the airport could be better taken care of and therefore become a greater resource.

"HB 105 will allow for this property to be properly maintained and utilized," Representative Vernetti said.

Other bills filed so far by Representative Vernetti would:

- Allow onsite sale of rock excavated during development (House Bill 106 was proposed in the 2024 session as HB 2720).
- Exempt businesses that are seasonal or which have fewer than 50 employees from the minimum wage hike (this proposal has not yet been assigned a bill number)
- Exempt Missouri seniors' retirement income from state taxes (this proposal has not yet been assigned a bill number)
- Reduce and eventually eliminate Missouri's corporate income tax (this proposal has not yet been assigned a bill number)

As the new session gets underway, Representative Vernetti is anxious to get to work for the people in the Lake region.

"I want to get things done for the 123rd District. The legislation I am introducing is aimed at issues that are important to my constituents and, I believe, the state as a whole," Vernetti said.

Rep. Jeff Vernetti, a Republican, represents Camden County, (District 123) in the Missouri House of Representatives. Rep. Vernetti was elected to his first two-year term in November 2024. For more information, please contact Rep. Vernetti by email at Jeff.Verneti@house.mo.gov.

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