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Kent Hampton's Capitol Report

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Kent Hampton is a member of the Missouri House of Representatives. He has recently created a Capitol Report that was recently issued on March 11th. This report contains bills that have been discussed, debated, and voted on within the House of Representatives. The bills are now being passed on to the Senate to be approved. If they are approved, they will be sent to the Missouri Governor to be signed and officially be put into action as Missouri laws.

Recently Passed Bills in the Missouri House

Parent and Community School Information Act (HB 388): In order to give parents an easy understanding and progress of their children's schools, the Parent and Community School Information Act would be used to evaluate every public and charter school in the state.

Right to Farm (HJR 11 & 7): Upon voter approval, this constitutional amendment would protect the traditional rights of Missourians to engage in the farming traditions that have been handed down for generations. And restrict groups that have an agenda to drive up cost and incur non-feasible restrictions.

Veterans Lottery Ticket (HJR 8): Upon voter approval, this constitutional amendment would require the State Lottery Commission to develop and begin selling a "Veterans Lottery Ticket" by July 1, 2015. Proceeds generated from ticket sales would be dedicated solely to the Veterans' Commission Capital Improvements Trust Fund.

School Construction Act (HB 34): Eliminates prevailing wage requirements for school renovation and upgrade projects in rural school districts.

Employment Law Reform (HB 320): Changes laws regarding unlawful discriminatory employment practices and protection for whistleblowers.

General Assembly Term Limits (HJR4): Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment prohibits a person from serving more than 16 years in the General Assembly. The service may be split between the House of Representatives and the Senate in any proportion as long as the individual serves no more than 16 years total.

Admissibility of Evidence (HJR16): Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment allows relevant evidence of prior criminal acts, whether charged or uncharged, to be admissible in the prosecution for a crime of a sexual nature involving a victim under 16 years of age for the purpose of corroborating the victim's testimony or demonstrating the defendant's propensity to commit the crime with which he or she is presently charged.

Initiative and Referendum Petitions (HB117): This bill changes the laws regarding initiative and referendum petitions.

Purple Heart State (HCR5): This designates the State of Missouri as a Purple Heart State, honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform who were wounded or killed while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

</images/Beth's Pictures/PurpleHeartTrail.jpg>

The Purple Heart State would be a great addition to Missouri and the recently passed project of turning highways I-70 and I-44 into part of the Purple Heart Trail.

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