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### **Hugoton Students and Parents Spend a Day at the Capitol with Senate President Steve Morris**

TOPEKA – On Friday, February 19, Senate President Steve Morris, R-Hugoton, welcomed several students – including four from Hugoton – to the capitol to serve as pages for the day in the Kansas Senate. In the group were Katy Heger, Sen. Morris' granddaughter; Amy Scott; and twin brothers Ross and Reid Davis, all of Hugoton; Alexander Riedel of Leawood, Kan.; and Patrick Lacy of Overland Park, Kan.

Katy and Amy, both 11, are 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Hugoton Elementary School; Ross and Reid, 14, are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Hugoton Middle School. Alexander, 12, is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade at St. Michael the Archangel Grade School in Leawood, and Patrick, also 12, is in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at Ascension Grade School in Overland Park.

Senate President Morris said, "It was a great pleasure to have these six students with me today. I was especially proud to have my granddaughter Katy here. All the students were attentive, respectful and conscientious in their duties. It was an eventful day. They may not think about it until later, but the students were here through an historic debate on the death penalty and witnessed other passionate debate on the senate floor. It is my hope this visit to the state capitol and the Kansas Senate will remain in their memories and encourage them to become involved in government by voting, paying attention to the issues of their day and making their opinions heard. Perhaps one or more of them will seek elected office someday."

Coincidentally, six of the 10 parents are graduates of Hugoton High School: Robert ('82) and Misty ('87) Davis; Chris ('85) and Stephanie ('88) Heger; Stuart ('87) and Susan Scott; and Doug and Shonya ('87) Riedel. It was the first time the President's office had hosted such a strong representation of Hugoton students and alumni for a paging experience.

Pages assist elected officials and staff by running errands, putting together mailings, and other duties necessary to operating for a day in the Kansas Legislature. They also have the opportunity to sit in on working committees, take a tour of the capitol and have their photo taken with their host legislator and the Governor or Lt. Gov, if either are available.

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**NOTE: Photo attached as jpg**

Pictured left to right: Front Row: Ross Davis, Alexander Riedel, Patrick Lacy, Lt. Gov. Troy Findley, Amy Scott and Katy Heger; Back Row: Senate President Stephen R. Morris and Reid Davis