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Rep. Kathryn Swan (R-Cape Girardeau) is the sponsor of HB 388. ([see page 2](#))

House Action:

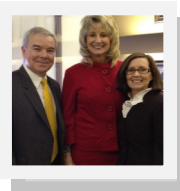
HB 87-Changes the laws regarding certain benevolent tax credits Third Read and Passed and Emergency Clause Adopted– February 7, 2013. If you like to read more on [HB 87](#).

Tribute to District 147:

Congratulations to Scott Pietreface ([see page 2](#))



Congratulations to Diane Howard for her appointment to the Gaming Commission.



Congratulations to Betty Martin and the Cape Girardeau Public Library...([see page 2](#))

Thank you to Paige Gershuny, the Southeast Missouri Arts Council and Muriel Gaither for the beautiful piece of art painted by Paige. We will proudly display her creation in our office!



Our three Cape Girardeau County commissioners visited the Capitol this week. It was my pleasure to introduce Presiding Commissioner Clint Tracy, District I Commissioner Paul Koeper and District II Commissioner Charlie Herbst to the House of Representatives.

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The bill was heard by the Elementary and Secondary Education Committee on Wednesday, February 6, 2013.

If passed, the bill would make data regarding growth in student learning available and understandable. Using data from the Missouri School Improvement Plan-5, information regarding individual schools would become readily available and expressed in an easily understandable form. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education would translate the individual building scores into letter grades of A, B, C, D, or F and include a direct link on their homepage to instructions for accessing the "report cards." School districts would notify parents about the report cards and provide direction for accessing information, as well.

Swan hopes that this transparency in information will energize parents and communities to identify resources and implement solutions to improve student learning. " We want to help our teachers create a more successful learning environment in our schools and remove barriers to learning."

Swan's bill is the first House Bill filed by a freshman legislator to be heard in a committee. ([Back to page one](#))

Tribute to District 147 (cont)

Congratulations to Scott Pietreface, owner of Fumatore di Sigaro, was one of twenty-two recipients of a 2013 Excellence in Business Award presented by The MO Small Business & Technology Development Centers, MO Procurement Technical Assistance Centers, Mid-America Trade Adjustment Assistance Center and MU Extension. MU Extension and Southeast Missouri State University are committed to helping aspiring entrepreneurs and assisting existing businesses to be successful. Efforts in our 147th District during 2010-2012 resulted in:

- ◆ Sales increases totaling \$1.6 million
- ◆ Investments totaling \$5.1 million
- ◆ 32 jobs created or retained
- ◆ Procurement awards totaling \$87,947
- ◆ Assisted 32 clients
- ◆ Educated 417 participants

Own a business or want to start one?
Please contact Richard Proffer at proferrd@missouri.edu or Brian Tapp at btapp@semo.edu for information.
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