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Indiana Senate honors Ritter for service during legislative session

INDIANAPOLIS –The Indiana State Senate recognized 15 interns last week for their outstanding efforts as Senate Democrat Interns during the 2010 session of the 116th Indiana General Assembly. The resolution was authored by members of the Senate Democratic Caucus and was passed unanimously by the Senate.

Among those honored was Chelsey Ritter, a native of Auburn. Ritter worked as the intern for Indiana State Senator Lonnie M. Randolph (D-East Chicago) and State Senator Greg Taylor (D-Indianapolis). Ritter is a senior at Purdue University where she is working toward a Bachelor of Arts degree in Law and Society, Forensic Science and Organizational Leadership and Supervision. Upon graduation from Purdue she plans to work in the political field then attend graduate school for a degree in public affairs with a concentration in criminal justice and law.

As a legislative intern, Ritter worked full time with Sen. Randolph and Sen. Taylor throughout the session which convened in January. She assisted with constituent correspondence, staffed committee hearings, analyzed bill content and worked closely with the senators to research legislative issues. The annual internship program is designed to provide valuable experiences for students who are integrally involved in the legislative process.

The Indiana Senate Democratic Internship is open to all college sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students in good academic standing. No specific major is required. Interns work full time for the duration of the session and earn a stipend as well as academic credit. The internship provides students with a unique educational opportunity to gain hands-on experience in Indiana state government.

Applications for the internship are available online in August as well as through the career centers and political science departments of most Indiana colleges. For more information on the internship program, contact Elise Shrock, Intern Director, at (317) 232-9496 or eshrock@iga.in.gov or visit the internship website at www.in.gov/legislative/senate_democrats/internships.htm.

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Editor's note: A photo of Sen. Lonnie M. Randolph, intern Chelsey Ritter and Sen. Greg Taylor is available at http://www.in.gov/legislative/senate_democrats/images/Interns/randolph_chelsey_ritter_taylor.JPG.