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### **Indiana Senate honors Thomas 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 116<sup>th</sup> 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 Derek Thomas, a native of Fort Wayne. Thomas worked as the intern for Indiana State Senator John Broden (D-South Bend). Thomas is a graduate student at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis where he is working toward a master's degree in policy analysis. Upon graduation he plans to find employment in the public sector as a policy analyst or in the private sector as a consultant.

As a legislative intern, Thomas worked full time with Sen. Broden throughout the session which convened in January. He assisted with constituent correspondence, staffed committee hearings, analyzed bill content and worked closely with Sen. Broden 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](mailto:eshrock@iga.in.gov) or visit the internship website at [www.in.gov/legislative/senate\\_democrats/internships.htm](http://www.in.gov/legislative/senate_democrats/internships.htm).

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**Editor's note: A photo of Sen. John Broden and intern Derek Thomas is available at [http://www.in.gov/legislative/senate\\_democrats/images/Interns/broden\\_derek\\_thomas.JPG](http://www.in.gov/legislative/senate_democrats/images/Interns/broden_derek_thomas.JPG)**