

# UNITY IN COMMUNITY: GIRL SCOUT TROOP VISITS AND LOBBIES IN SPRINGFIELD

Springfield



Girl Scout Troop 60152 on the House Floor with IFT's Legislative Director, Cynthia Riseman and Troop Leader, Karen O'Dea

Troop 60152 (top row) l to r -- Olivia G., Alice R., Norah O., Bernadette O., Liv G., Emily B., Cynthia R., Karen O. (Front Row) - Abby G., and Maddie H.

On Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, Senior Girl Scout Troop 60152 visited Springfield, Illinois. The trip was coordinated by their troop leader, Local 943's office manager, Karen O'Dea and IFT's Legislative Director Cynthia Riseman. They arranged a tour of the Illinois House of Representatives "House Floor" and a visit to Senator Doris Turner's office. "This Springfield trip helped the scout troop achieve their "Behind the Ballot" badge and work on their Girl Scout Journey "Your Voice, Your World", said girl scout troop leader, Karen O'Dea. While visiting Senator Turner, Senior Scout, Liv G. presented vaping statistic boards to help explain the vaping problem in schools. Senator Turner listened to every word, asked important questions and thanked Liv, stating that she acknowledges the vaping problem in schools, and she will do her homework regarding this. It was a great day exploring everything that Springfield has to offer, and the troop was grateful for the opportunity to see the House Floor and meet with Senator Turner.

Girl Scout Troop 60152 is based out of Oak Lawn, IL and the scouts are Sophomore and Freshman grades from Richards H.S., Oak Lawn H.S., Marist and Southwest Chicago Christian School. This troop is very lucky to have supportive families and an outstanding troop leader!!



Cynthia pointing out features of the Chamber and explaining how votes are counted.



The troop pictured with Senator Doris Turner, 48<sup>th</sup> District (center)



Liv presenting her vaping boards to Senator Turner



The Troop standing in front of the Speaker's Desk in the House.