

# Journal of the Senate

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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**SEVENTH DAY—TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014**

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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Kinder in the Chair.

Reverend Carl Gauck offered the following prayer:

“For the Lord is righteous, he loves righteous deeds...” (Psalm 11:7)

O God, we give You thanks for You are in the business of putting things right. You, O God, never give up on us so that we can overcome those things which would hold us back from doing what You would have us do. It is You, O Lord, that remains steady so we can be assured that You are there for us so we can move towards righteousness. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

A quorum being established, the Senate proceeded with its business.

The Journal for Thursday, January 16, 2014 was read and approved.

The following Senators were present during the day’s proceedings:

Present—Senators

Brown	Chappelle-Nadal	Cunningham	Curls	Dempsey	Dixon	Emery	Holsman
Justus	Keaveny	Kraus	Lager	Lamping	LeVota	Libla	Munzlinger
Nasheed	Nieves	Parson	Pearce	Richard	Romine	Rupp	Sater
Schaaf	Schaefer	Schmitt	Sifton	Silvey	Wallingford	Walsh	Wasson—32

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Kehoe—1

Vacancies—1

The Lieutenant Governor was present.

## RESOLUTIONS

Senator Dixon offered Senate Resolution No. 1109, regarding the National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Springfield, which was adopted.

Senator Dixon offered Senate Resolution No. 1110, regarding Robert Samuel Groves, Battlefield, which was adopted.

On behalf of Senator Kehoe, Senator Richard offered Senate Resolution No. 1111, regarding the Ninetieth Birthday of Norman Nivens, Jamestown, which was adopted.

Senator Justus offered Senate Resolution No. 1112, regarding Adam Robert Callanan, Arnold, which was adopted.

Senator Libla offered Senate Resolution No. 1113, regarding First Midwest Bank, Dexter, which was adopted.

Senator Libla offered Senate Resolution No. 1114, regarding Sam Huey, Dexter, which was adopted.

Senator Libla offered Senate Resolution No. 1115, regarding Melanie Stoelting, Dexter, which was adopted.

Senator Libla offered Senate Resolution No. 1116, regarding Republic Services, Incorporated, Phoenix, Arizona, which was adopted.

Senator Libla offered Senate Resolution No. 1117, regarding Stoddard County Fair Board, Dexter, which was adopted.

Senator Libla offered Senate Resolution No. 1118, regarding Young Real Estate, LLC, Dexter, which was adopted.

Senator Libla offered Senate Resolution No. 1119, regarding Debbie Essner, Dexter, which was adopted.

Senator Walsh offered Senate Resolution No. 1120, regarding American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate, which was adopted.

Senator Richard offered Senate Resolution No. 1121, regarding Phyllis Carr, which was adopted.

Senator Curls offered Senate Resolution No. 1122, regarding the death of Charles W. Wurth, Wichita, Kansas, which was adopted.

Senator Lager offered Senate Resolution No. 1123, regarding the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Zimmerman, Holt, which was adopted.

Senator Lager offered Senate Resolution No. 1124, regarding the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lukes, Stanberry, which was adopted.

Senator Sater offered Senate Resolution No. 1125, regarding Randy Fielding, which was adopted.

Senator Sater offered Senate Resolution No. 1126, regarding Steve McCulloch, Aurora, which was adopted.

Senator Sater offered Senate Resolution No. 1127, regarding Edward and Judy Dingman, Aurora, which was adopted.

Senator Brown offered Senate Resolution No. 1128, regarding Ollie Jackson, Waynesville, which was adopted.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

Senator LeVota offered the following concurrent resolution:

### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

WHEREAS, every student matters, every school matters, and every community matters; and

WHEREAS, poverty has a deep impact on student learning; and

WHEREAS, transferring students out of unaccredited school districts is not in the best interest of all students and will not lead to improvement of unaccredited districts, revitalization of poverty stricken communities, or increased academic outcomes for Missouri students; and

WHEREAS, in struggling school districts, the state should focus on improving individual schools; and

WHEREAS, money should be spent on improving instruction rather than transporting students; and

WHEREAS, keeping every student, school, and community intact results in a stronger Missouri; and

WHEREAS, in order to improve unaccredited schools and increase academic outcomes of Missouri students, a solution including support and early intervention must be provided; and

WHEREAS, local control builds strong communities; and

WHEREAS, the current school transfer law is archaic and was passed at a time when the state of Missouri accredited schools in a very different way than is currently done; and

WHEREAS, the resources and expertise to solve the issue of low performance in school districts, particularly those in high poverty areas, exist right here in the state of Missouri:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby strongly encourage the State Board of Education to:

- Grant the Kansas City school district provisional accreditation. The State Board of Education granted the St. Louis public schools provisional accreditation after they showed two years of improvement on the Missouri School Improvement Program. Kansas City has done this;

- Utilize its authority to create an accreditation and intervention model that allows reform and governance changes in a struggling school district so that a district has a chance to be successful before becoming bankrupted by the student transfer law;
- Utilize authority given to the State Board of Education and DESE by the passage of SB 125 in 2013 to intervene immediately in districts where reform and change has failed to show any progress in student achievement, lapse these districts, and attach them to other school districts;
- Utilize a model of supports and interventions that have been proven to increase achievement in Missouri school districts with high levels of poverty;
- Submit a budget request to the General Assembly to cover the cost of tuition and transportation for students who have transferred from the Riverview Gardens and Normandy school districts to other school districts; and
- Make the Commissioner of Education responsible for the success of districts that have dropped below full accreditation or employ a staff member of DESE that will be responsible for overseeing such school districts' progress toward regaining full accreditation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Commissioner of Education and each member of the State Board of Education.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were read the 1st time and ordered printed:

**SB 745**—By Munzlinger.

An Act to repeal sections 571.101, 571.104, 571.111, and 650.350, RSMo, and to enact in lieu

thereof four new sections relating to concealed carry permits, with an existing penalty provision.

**SB 746**—By Munzlinger.

An Act to repeal section 302.302, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to automated traffic enforcement penalties.

**SB 747**—By Munzlinger.

An Act to repeal sections 50.333 and 57.280, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to compensation for sheriffs.

**SB 748**—By Walsh.

An Act to repeal sections 167.181 and 174.335, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the meningococcal vaccine.

**SB 749**—By Walsh.

An Act to repeal section 115.289, section 115.275 as enacted by house committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 116, ninety-seventh general assembly, first regular session, and section 115.275 as enacted by conference committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for house substitute for house bill no. 511, ninety-second general assembly, first regular session, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to voting in advance of an election.

**SB 750**—By Walsh.

An Act to amend chapter 285, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to employee password protection.

**SB 751**—By LeVota.

An Act to repeal sections 115.017, 115.021, 115.027, 115.029, 115.115, and 115.353, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof six new sections relating to elections.

**SB 752**—By LeVota.

An Act to repeal section 105.010, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the term of office for appointed officers.

**SB 753**—By Keaveny.

An Act to amend chapter 29, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to requiring the state auditor to report on the costs of administering the death penalty.

**SB 754**—By Sater and Justus.

An Act to repeal section 208.798, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the termination date of the MO Rx prescription drug program.

**SB 755**—By Wallingford.

An Act to amend chapter 324, RSMo, by adding thereto ten new sections relating to the statewide licensure of electrical contractors, with penalty provisions.

**SB 756**—By Schaefer.

An Act to repeal sections 163.011 and 163.031, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to funding for gifted education.

**SB 757**—By Justus.

An Act to repeal sections 213.010, 213.030, 213.040, 213.045, 213.050, 213.055, 213.065, 213.070, and 213.101, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nine new sections relating to unlawful discriminatory practices.

**SB 758**—By Justus.

An Act to repeal section 105.711, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to health care professionals who are covered by the state legal expense fund.

**MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE**

The following message was received from the House of Representatives through its Chief Clerk:

Mr. President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that Representative Funderburk will be replacing Representative Rhoads on the Escort Committee pursuant to **HCR 1**.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

President Pro Tem Dempsey replaced Senator Wasson with Senator Libla to serve on the escort committee appointed pursuant to **HCR 2**.

**REFERRALS**

President Pro Tem Dempsey referred **SCR 23** to the Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics.

On motion of Senator Richard, the Senate recessed until 6:30 p.m.

**RECESS**

The time of recess having expired, the Senate was called to order by Senator Lager.

On motion of Senator Richard, the Senate repaired to the House of Representatives to receive the State of the State Address from His Excellency, Governor Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon.

**JOINT SESSION**

The Joint Session was called to order by President Kinder.

The Color Guard from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Troop F, presented the colors.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

On roll call the following Senators were present:

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Brown	Chappelle-Nadal	Cunningham	Curls	Dempsey	Dixon	Emery	Holsman
Justus	Keaveny	Kraus	Lager	Lamping	LeVota	Libla	Munzlinger

Nasheed	Parson	Pearce	Richard	Romine	Rupp	Sater	Schaaf
Schaefer	Schmitt	Sifton	Silvey	Wallingford	Walsh	Wasson—31	

Absent—Senator Nieves—1

Absent with leave—Senator Kehoe—1

Vacancies—1

On roll call the following Representatives were present:

Present—149

Allen	Anders	Anderson	Austin	Bahr	Bernskoetter	Berry	Black
Brattin	Brown	Burlison	Burns	Butler	Carpenter	Cierpiot	Colona
Conway 10	Conway 104	Cornejo	Cox	Crawford	Cross	Curtis	Curtman
Davis	Diehl	Dohrman	Dugger	Dunn	Ellinger	Ellington	Elmer
Engler	Englund	Entlicher	Fitzpatrick	Fraker	Frame	Franklin	Frederick
Funderburk	Gannon	Gatschenberger	Gosen	Guernsey	Haahr	Haefner	Hampton
Hansen	Harris	Higdon	Hinson	Hodges	Hoskins	Hough	Houghton
Hubbard	Hummel	Hurst	Johnson	Jones 50	Justus	Keeney	Kelley 127
Kelly 45	Kirkton	Koenig	Kolkmeier	Korman	Kratky	LaFaver	Lair
Lant	Lauer	Lichtenegger	Love	Lynch	Marshall	May	Mayfield
McCaherty	McCann Beatty	McGaugh	McKenna	McManus	McNeil	Meredith	Messenger
Miller	Mims	Mitten	Molendorp	Montecillo	Moon	Morgan	Morris
Muntzel	Neely	Neth	Newman	Nichols	Norr	Otto	Pace
Parkinson	Peters	Pfautsch	Phillips	Pierson	Pike	Pogue	Redmon
Rehder	Reiboldt	Remole	Rhoads	Richardson	Riddle	Rizzo	Roorda
Rowden	Rowland	Runions	Scharnhorst	Schatz	Schieber	Schieffer	Schupp
Shull	Shumake	Smith	Solon	Sommer	Spencer	Stream	Swan
Swearingen	Thomson	Torpey	Walker	Walton Gray	Webber	White	Wieland
Wilson	Wood	Wright	Zerr	Mr. Speaker			

Absent and Absent with Leave—Representatives —11

Barnes	Cookson	English	Fitzwater	Flanigan	Gardner	Grisamore	Hicks
Leara	McDonald	Ross					

Vacancies—3

The Joint Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency, Governor Jay Nixon, escorted the Governor to the dais where he delivered the State of the State Address to the Joint Assembly:

**Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon**  
**2014 State of the State Address**

Thank you, Lieutenant Governor Kinder, Speaker Jones, President Pro Tem Dempsey, judges of the Missouri Supreme Court, state officials, members of the legislature, members of my cabinet, and my fellow Missourians.

With us tonight are Missouri's exceptional First Lady, Georganne, and our son, Will.

Tonight, we are honored to be joined by Missourians who put their lives on the line to protect the lives of others. Whether they fight our enemies abroad or protect our communities at home, these ordinary men and women do extraordinary things. They are real heroes.

On August 6, in the dark of night, deadly flash floods struck several Missouri communities without warning. In Pulaski County, creeks became raging rivers, rising by as much as 23 feet – inundating homes, washing out roads and, ultimately, claiming lives.

There were many acts of bravery that night, as state and local emergency personnel fanned out to look for folks who needed help.

Two local firefighters had been attempting to rescue a man and a young child, when their boat capsized in the rushing water, leaving all four of them clinging to a single guidewire.

Another local first responder had been holding two women above water for thirty minutes, never giving up on the rescue attempt, but tiring.

Fortunately, Corporal Lance DeClue and Lieutenant Justin McCullough of our Missouri State Highway Patrol were on duty that night.

Overcoming darkness and debris, pouring rain and treacherous floodwaters, and even a stalled rescue boat, troopers DeClue and McCullough got all seven of these individuals to safety.

Three years ago, when we worked together to merge the State Highway and Water Patrols, we knew this change would improve efficiency and reduce overhead. It has. But in the rushing waters that night, it was clear that the benefits of this reform went way beyond balance sheets. It saved lives.

I'd like us all to recognize Corporal DeClue and Lieutenant McCullough, who are with us tonight. Please join me in thanking them for their service and heroism.

These brave Missourians remind us that the true strength of our state cannot be measured in bricks or bushels, but in the talents and tenacity of our citizens.

Here in Missouri, folks don't shy away from challenges – they work together to tackle them. Getting up early... working hard... staying late... and looking out for one another.

And thanks to the people of Missouri, the state of our state is strong, and growing stronger with each passing day.

In every corner of our state, wages are up, personal income is up, and unemployment continues to fall.

In fact, since I took office in January 2009, Missouri's unemployment rate has dropped from 8.6 percent to 6.1 percent, and it's been below the national average for 51 straight months.

Since this time last year, Missouri has added nearly 44,000 jobs. And when you look at the pace of private sector job growth, Missouri was top 10 in the nation – better than every single one of our neighboring states.

Agriculture exports from Missouri have increased by more than a billion dollars over the past five years – 71 percent – thanks to Missouri farmers and ranchers.

Behind these impressive numbers are significant investments by companies that are hiring and growing all across our state – high-tech global brands like Monsanto, Expedia, Express Scripts and Cerner, to name just a few, along with small businesses and startups like CoFactor Genomics in St. Louis and Brewer Science in Rolla.

We all know that if you want to win, you've got to compete. That's why I want to thank this General Assembly for helping us make Missouri a finalist for the Boeing 777X. We didn't win the biggest prize – but we competed at the highest level.

It's important to remember, it was just three and a half years ago, that we came together in another special session that also had very high stakes.

Auto plants had closed. Jobs had gone overseas. And folks thought it wouldn't be long before the last Missouri-made vehicle rolled off the line.

But instead of giving up, we took action.

Together, we passed the Missouri Manufacturing Jobs Act, we upped our investments in workforce training, and we saved Missouri's auto industry.

Today, Missouri's automotive comeback continues to make headlines. Just look at last week:

On Sunday, GM unveiled the all-new Missouri-made GMC Canyon....

On Monday, Ford unveiled the all-new Missouri-made F-150...

Later that day, we welcomed a new automotive supplier – Janesville Acoustics – and over 150 jobs to Warrensburg.

And on Thursday, Ford announced the hiring of the 1,000<sup>th</sup> worker to build the Ford Transit van, previously built exclusively overseas.

Ask any autoworker in Claycomo or Wentzville about the pride they take in building the next-generation of American-made vehicles, and they'll tell you it means a lot more than just a paycheck.

For those autoworkers and their families, the work we do here is very real.

Our economic progress is no accident. It's the result of a clear and unwavering focus on strict fiscal discipline and smart investments.

We're the Show-Me State, so we developed a strategic plan, and we followed it.

Instead of engaging in Washington-style deficit spending, we kept our fiscal discipline – balancing budgets, cutting waste and keeping taxes low. This past year, all three major rating agencies reaffirmed Missouri's perfect AAA credit rating.

Tonight, as I have every year, I am proposing a balanced budget that holds the line on taxes – and continues to downsize government, cutting 81 more positions from state payrolls. By the end of this fiscal year, we will have reduced the state workforce by 4,600 full-time employees.

But we didn't just make government smaller – we made it smarter. We reduced energy use, sold off surplus property and put more state services online. My budget continues to invest in technology to provide Missourians with the efficient, effective, accountable government they deserve.

Keeping our fiscal house in order helped us protect our shared values. We made sure that as we moved our economy forward, we didn't leave folks behind: a young child with autism, a student working her way through college, a family rebuilding after a natural disaster, or a soldier returning from the frontlines.

Four years ago, we launched Show-Me Heroes to help employers recruit and hire our men and women in uniform. Two years ago, we strengthened it by making sure these veterans also get the training they need. Today, Show-Me Heroes continues to change lives.

I recently visited one of the 3,400 Missouri companies that have taken the Show-Me Heroes pledge. At IBM in Columbia, we recognized the 5,000<sup>th</sup> veteran employed through this program.

Our veterans fought for us – so we're going to be there for them.

For every soldier serving our country overseas, there's a family back here at home – putting on a brave face each day for the kids. Families who, in soldiering on through the loneliness, lend their loved ones strength, lend us all strength – and so it's important that we honor their sacrifice as well.

Tonight we are joined by Heather Styles and her daughters, Paige and Payton. Heather's husband of 11 years, Maj. Matthew Styles, is a helicopter pilot on his second deployment to Afghanistan. While he serves our country at war, Heather is holding down the fort at their home here in Jefferson City.

They represent thousands of military families all across our state who are counting down the days while their loved ones are in harm's way. Please join me in thanking the Styles family for their service and sacrifice, and wishing Major Styles a safe and speedy return home.

Together, we've laid a solid foundation that got us through some tough economic times, and has brought us to a defining moment for our state.

Now, with our economy picking up steam, how do we build on that foundation?

With Washington paralyzed by politics, what can we do here in Missouri to make a lasting difference for real people?

And when it's always easier to do the small things and then declare victory, how do we tackle the big challenges? The things that matter most: good schools, good jobs, and healthy communities for our kids to grow up in.

Missouri is a diverse state. Just here in this room, we've got farmers and small business owners; artists and outdoorsmen. There aren't many things every single one of us would agree on.

But here's one we can:

Our single greatest responsibility – as elected officials, as parents, as citizens of our state – is to make sure every child in Missouri has an opportunity to achieve his or her dreams.

And we all know, that opportunity starts with education.



For centuries, public education has been a value we cherish as Americans, a value we've reaffirmed time after time.

In the 1700s, Thomas Jefferson called for a public education system that would safeguard our young democracy from tyranny and oppression.

In the 1800s, we established the land grant university system, including the University of Missouri and Lincoln University.

By 1900, every state in the nation had free public elementary schools.

And when the Greatest Generation returned home from World War II – after literally saving the free world – a grateful nation honored them with something far more precious – and patriotic – than a ticker tape parade: the GI Bill.

Shepherded through Congress by Missouri Senator Champ Clark, the GI Bill gave millions of Americans an opportunity their parents never had: the chance to earn a college degree without going into debt.

Think of the impact that it had: between 1940 and 1950, the number of degrees awarded by U.S. colleges and universities more than doubled. Over the next half century, the percentage of Americans with a college degree quintupled.

They became engineers and small business owners; scientists and Supreme Court Justices; Presidents and preschool teachers.

They bought homes, started families, and launched companies – creating the modern middle class, and driving a postwar economic boom unlike anything the world had ever seen.

We're joined by one of them tonight.

Dr. Frank Fontana of St. Louis served in the Army during World War II, and followed the frontlines all the way to Berlin. When he came home, the GI Bill provided him the opportunity to get a degree in optometry, and later he started his own practice.

He married the love of his life, Dorris, and they had two sons who they put through school. The GI Bill gave Frank the opportunity to pursue his dreams, to support his family, and become a great optometrist. I should know – he was mine.

Please join me in thanking Dr. Frank Fontana for his service and for reminding us what the American dream is all about.

This nation's greatest generation made a commitment to education – and as a result, they made the United States the driver of the global economy and the undisputed leader of the free world.

Now, it's our turn to carry on that legacy.

Now, we must work to help every child start school ready to learn.

We must demand that every school is getting the job done.

And, we must make sure that every student can afford to get a college degree.

Together, let's resolve to give our children and grandchildren more opportunities, better opportunities than we had, and build the future they deserve.

We need to start early. Parents and teachers see it every day: the first few years of a child's development have an impact that lasts a lifetime.

A child who starts kindergarten ready to learn, is more likely to succeed in school, go to college, and get a good job.

Working together, over the last year, we've expanded access to early childhood education, giving more children the opportunity to go to high quality preschool in their communities.

But this year, it's time that we do much more. Kids grow up fast – so there's no time to waste. We must work together to make sure our kids start smart.

And that's why my budget will nearly triple funding for the Missouri Preschool Program.

We will provide quality early learning opportunities to thousands more kids all across Missouri. But that's just the beginning.

As many of you know, Georganne and I spend a lot of time at Missouri's schools – touring classrooms, talking to students, meeting with teachers and staff. Sometimes, I shoot a few hoops.

Our schools are the hearts of our communities. They're where we gather for picnics and dances, ball games and bingo – where lifelong friendships are made, and fundamental values are learned.

And in today's global economy, whether you root for the DeSoto Dragons, the Sikeston Bulldogs or the Mound City Panthers, our K-12 schools

must also be rigorous, high-tech institutions of innovation.

More technology. Smaller class sizes. Well-prepared teachers. The tools our kids need to succeed.

Accomplishing that goal is going to take an unwavering commitment by all of us, and it's going to take money.

That's why my budget increases funding for our K-12 classrooms this year by \$278 million, and will put us on a path to fully funding the foundation formula next year.

Every one of us has run for office. And when we knocked on doors and folks asked if we believed in public education – we all said yes. And at every town hall meeting, when someone raised their hand and asked what we'd do for teachers – we said we'd support them. And on the campaign trail, I'll bet almost all of us made a promise to invest in our students and our schools.

Well, you know what? It's time to put our budgets where our campaign brochures are.

Now it's time to decide whether we're merely going to talk about public education, or whether we're going to fund it.

This is the test – and this is the year – to get serious about fully funding our schools. Our local schools will put these dollars to work in a big way for our kids and communities.

Here are just a few of the priorities that school districts have already identified:

In Kennett, every student will have a computer.

In Fort Zumwalt, 50 additional teachers will reduce class sizes, and give kids the personal attention they need.

In Santa Fe, they'll bring back summer school, and establish the district's first early childhood education program.

Up in Kirksville, they will implement Project Lead the Way – the hands-on curriculum that helps students understand and excel in science.

And in Springfield, 4,000 more three- and four-year-olds will have the opportunity to attend high-quality preschool.

Tonight we are joined by teachers, administrators, and board members from across the state. I'd like you to stand. Please join me in thanking them for taking on the honorable challenge of educating our kids.

And with this commitment to fully funding the formula, we're going to demand accountability and measurable results: tougher classes, higher test scores, and higher graduation rates.

Our students need to be ready to compete worldwide – and that means they have to raise their game, and we need to raise ours too.

We've got to believe in education so much, that we commit to making it better.

And when we talk about education – there is something that always bears repeating: there is no more honorable profession than being a teacher.

None of us would be in this room today were it not for the extraordinary people who taught us – and believed in us – years ago.

We are blessed to have so many talented teachers across our state, selfless public servants who stay late to make sure our children don't fall behind, who often dig into their own pockets to make sure they have the materials they need to teach our kids.

And yet each year, there are some who believe the way to build up our schools is to tear down our teachers – trying to cut their pay, or reduce their retirement benefits or threaten their job security.

That simply needs to stop.

Now we can all support making smart reforms to our education system. And of course, we should hold educators accountable for the important job we entrust them to perform.

But instead of attacking public school teachers, we should make it our mission to recruit the best and brightest minds to take on the honorable work of teaching our kids. And that is exactly what this significant education investment will allow our local school districts to do.

Tonight we are pleased to be joined by Tobin Schultz. Ever since he was in the ninth grade, Mr. Schultz knew he wanted to be a teacher – and at Joplin High School, he continues to inspire and motivate students each and every day. Last October, Mr. Schultz won the prestigious Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

We were all inspired by how Joplin – even in its darkest hour – rallied behind its students and its schools. Just this month, 1,400 students in Joplin walked in to three brand new schools, marking another milestone in a remarkable recovery.

Mr. Schultz is joined by Joplin High School Principal Dr. Kerry Sachetta, A-Plus Coordinator Susan Day, and Superintendent Dr. C.J. Huff. Please join me in thanking Mr. Schultz – and all of our teachers – for the vitally important work they do each day.

At Joplin High, Mr. Schultz works hard to make sure kids are prepared to take the next step, and pursue the higher education they need for the careers they want.

Many of us have probably had the same conversation with our kids around the dinner table: we tell them that no matter what they're interested in, the more education they get, the more financially secure they will be.

The numbers are stark: the unemployment rate among high school graduates is more than twice that of college graduates. And by the end of this decade, two-thirds of all jobs will require some kind of college credential.

Together, we've made great strides to make sure that a quality, affordable college education is an option for every family. In fact, over the past five years, Missouri's public universities have led the nation in holding down tuition increases.

Number one.

But we're not done yet. Working together, we're going to make sure students graduate from college with the skills to compete for good jobs, not a load of debt.

That's why I have called on our four-year institutions to once again freeze tuition for Missouri undergraduates.

That's right – under my budget, Missouri undergraduates at our public universities should not have to pay a penny more for tuition next year. Not a penny.

And no student should have to settle for less education, just because their parents make less money.

So we're doing something about that. My budget puts additional dollars behind our Access Missouri Scholarship program so that students from low-income families can get the financial aid they need.

And we'll make sure Bright Flight lives up to its original mission of keeping our best and brightest students here in Missouri during college and after they graduate.

Finally, I'm proud to report that we've taken our A-Plus Schools program statewide, adding 266 schools since 2009 – giving thousands more students the opportunity to earn an A-Plus Scholarship.

Today, all across Missouri, students who work hard, play by the rules and give back to their communities can attend two years of community college – tuition free.

But affordability is only part of the equation.

Once again, core funding for our colleges and universities will be awarded based on performance: on how well our institutions meet specific goals.

And in the high-tech global economy, we need to make sure the degrees students pursue match the skills that businesses need.

Over the next decade, the jobs that are in highest demand will require at least some background in science, technology, engineering or math – the so-called STEM fields.

We're talking about software programmers and scientists, mathematicians and machinists, coders and chemists.

The best way to attract more of these high-paying jobs is to make sure our workers have the skills to fill them – and that is exactly what our STEM initiative will do.

With an initial investment of \$22 million, this initiative will help our universities purchase state-of-the-art equipment, expand lab space and – most importantly – produce more graduates in these fast-growing fields.

Investing in high-tech education will pack a huge punch for our economy.

Education must start early – but it can never stop.

With technology constantly advancing, we can't forget that learning needs to be a lifelong endeavor.

Every Missourian willing to work hard and learn something new – no matter what their age or education level – should have the opportunity to take that next step and move up the economic ladder.

I thank the legislature for working with us to strengthen our workforce training tools, and give more Missouri workers the opportunity to sharpen their skills, and get better jobs.

From preschool to graduate school, in total, my budget includes 493 million additional dollars for education.

Our growing economy, combined with our sound budget management, affords us this unique opportunity to invest in our students' future – our state's future.

It's our responsibility to do it.

But there are those who feel that instead of fully funding our schools, we should pull money out of our classrooms in order to experiment with our tax code.

Let's get something straight: I've held the line on taxes every year I've been Governor and will do so again this year.

Missouri's a low-tax state – sixth lowest in the nation – and we like it that way.

I've signed four tax cuts as your Governor – specific, targeted tax cuts that have helped our businesses expand and grow. For example, Missouri employers will save \$70 million this year alone because we cut the corporate franchise tax.

But here's what I won't do: I will not support anything that takes money out of our classrooms.

As we saw last summer, in community after community in all corners of our state, parents, teachers, administrators, school board members, business leaders and concerned citizens spoke out with one united voice.

The people of Missouri said they expect their elected leaders to support public schools, because they know that education is the best economic development tool there is.

High paying jobs, growing businesses, thriving communities – these are goals we share, so let's invest in the one thing we know will help us achieve them: a workforce that can compete worldwide.

This is the year to send a budget to my desk that puts us on track to fully funding our schools, and builds the Missouri our kids deserve.

We've shown that we can work together to create better opportunities for all Missourians. Just look at what we're doing – together – to serve Missourians with disabilities and mental illness.

In 2010, we passed landmark legislation to require insurance companies to cover the diagnosis and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders – and what a difference it's made for our kids.

Today, because of this law, 1.6 million Missourians have coverage for these proven treatments, and more than 2,500 Missourians were treated for autism spectrum disorders last year.

Our Partnership for Hope continues to be a tremendous and life-changing success for thousands of Missourians with developmental disabilities. My budget expands this vital program to even more Missourians, in more communities across the state.

For years, thousands of Missourians with developmental disabilities were forced to wait months – often years – to get the in-home Medicaid services they needed – people like Nate Huffman from St. Peters, who I met when we first launched the Partnership for Hope in 2010.

Back when he was in school, Nate had access to physical therapy and other services that helped him be more independent. He'd even gotten strong enough to walk around his high school track. But when he graduated, those services ended.

For eight years, Nate's condition and quality of life worsened while he was placed on a waiting list for in-home services. Eight years – it was heart-breaking. But that was before the Partnership for Hope.

Today, Nate is doing much better. His physical therapy is going well and he's able to communicate through a new computer system. He told me that his goal was to someday be able to walk around that track again – and thanks to the Partnership for Hope, he's getting closer to reaching that goal each and every day.

Because of Missourians like Nate, each year I've been in office, we've made it a priority to chip away at that waiting list.

And now I'm proud to report, this year that waiting list will no longer exist.

Our friends and neighbors will now get the life-changing services they need, when they need them.

On mental illness – as tragedies across the nation exposed dangerous gaps in our country's mental health safety net – we took action here in

Missouri:

We added new mental health liaisons at each of our 29 community mental health centers, so that our law enforcement officers can focus on being cops, not frontline caregivers.

We launched seven targeted emergency room response teams, to ease the burden on our doctors and nurses.

And we made a historic investment in Mental Health First Aid training, so that more teachers, clergy, first responders and ordinary citizens can identify the signs of mental illness and know what to do.

Together, we are training more than 1,000 Missourians on these proven, life-saving techniques. And with your help this session, we'll train thousands more.

But as any member of law enforcement can tell you, there are those for whom preventative services are simply not enough. Some mental illnesses are so severe that those suffering from them are a danger to themselves and others.

Since 1851, this care has been provided at Fulton State Mental Hospital, Missouri's only maximum security psychiatric facility – a facility that is crumbling and in desperate need of replacement.

It's inadequate to the needs of patients. It's dangerous for the staff who care for them. And it's an embarrassment to our state.

Now is the time to take action.

That's why I look forward to working with you to address this most urgent of needs and issue bonds to support the construction of a new mental hospital in Fulton.

Interest rates are low. Our credit rating is high. And the need is undeniable. Friends, let's roll up our sleeves, work together, and for the safety of all our communities, get it done this year.

And as we intensify our efforts to make sure that Missourians with mental illness and developmental disabilities get the appropriate care – it's clear that we need more qualified professionals to provide that care.

Just look at the numbers – 104 of Missouri's 114 counties are designated as mental health professional shortage areas; 72 counties lack even a licensed psychiatrist.

These are good jobs that are in demand now – we just need the qualified professionals to fill them. That is why my budget includes a \$20 million investment to help our community colleges and universities train 1,200 more mental health professionals.

From teaching a child with autism how to interact with peers, to helping law enforcement respond to individuals in mental health crisis, these health professionals will help keep our communities safe – and make sure all Missourians have the opportunity to live up to their God-given potential.

The priorities I've just laid out are by no means the only issues that require our attention this session:

We need to restore the public's faith in what we do here by reinstating strict campaign contribution limits and passing comprehensive ethics reform.

We need to rein in the tax credit programs that don't deliver a solid return on our investment.

And we need to end discrimination against LGBT Missourians in the workplace. No Missourian should be fired because of who they are or who they love. Last year, the Missouri Nondiscrimination Act passed the Senate with bipartisan support, but failed to get to my desk. Let's get it done this year.

We need to fix the law that's led to so much stress and uncertainty for families and schools, as thousands of students are transported from one district to another.

We need to have a robust discussion about our state's long-term transportation infrastructure needs – and how to pay for them.

We need to develop a comprehensive energy plan for our state: one that balances the need for low-cost, reliable energy with our duty to be responsible stewards of the environment.

And we need to reauthorize the Missouri Rx program, to prevent more than 200,000 seniors and Missourians with disabilities from paying more for their prescription drugs. Let's work together, as we did just three years ago, to extend this essential help for Missourians in need.

But the most significant improvement we could make to the health and wellbeing of our state is Medicaid, and it needs to get done this year. Since New Year's Day, Missouri taxpayers have spent \$115 million and counting – \$5.47 million a day – to improve and reform health care in other states, like Arkansas and Arizona, New Jersey and Iowa, Michigan and North Dakota. This adds up to \$2 billion, or \$500 for every Missouri taxpayer, every year.

Each day we don't act, these states use Missourians' tax dollars to implement innovative reforms, like rewards for making healthier lifestyle choices and penalties for missing doctors' appointments.

Each day we don't act, Missouri's Medicaid system continues as it has for years, without additional protections for taxpayers, or new measures to promote personal responsibility.

Each day we don't act, thousands of Missouri women aren't getting the preventive health care they need to detect breast or cervical cancer early – while there's still time to treat it.

And each day we don't act, nearly 300,000 working Missourians go another day without the treatment they desperately need, for no other reason than they live in Branson instead of Bentonville, in Cape Girardeau instead of Cairo, in Maryville instead of Muscatine.

And if you don't see these folks knocking on your doors or lighting up your phone lines, it's because they don't have time. They're working to pay the bills and make ends meet.

We all know there are problems with Obamacare, and Washington's implementation of it has been abysmal.

But rejecting Medicaid won't fix any of those things. It won't keep Missourians from having to pay federal taxes, or exempt our businesses from new requirements under the law.

Instead, by standing still, we're making the things we don't like about Obamacare even worse, forcing Missourians to bear all the costs of this law – and reap none of the benefits.

Think about that.

The people who are suffering now as a result of our failure to act don't work in the White House – they work the night shift in our factories. They wait tables and scrub floors. They drive snow plows and look after our kids.

Right now, hundreds of thousands of these working Missourians can't afford to get the basic health services they need to lead healthy, productive lives.

They're folks like Anita Sutherland from Van Buren. Anita was a home health care worker who now works part-time at Head Start.

Being uninsured has already taken a toll. A year ago, Anita was diagnosed with uterine cancer and had to leave her full time job. Since then, she's racked up over \$100,000 in medical bills, and is suffering from complications of her cancer treatment. Today, buried in a mountain of debt and unable to afford the medical care she needs, Anita doesn't see a way out. She feels hopeless.

But when we strengthen Medicaid, Anita will be covered. She'll be able to get the treatment she needs and go back to working full time. She'll have hope.

Working Missourians like Anita aren't looking for a handout. They just want to get a checkup without wiping out their bank account.

I challenge each one of you to think of any other bill that would make this kind of real and immediate difference – the kind of difference Medicaid expansion would make – in the lives of the people we represent.

I challenge each of you to consider how history will judge those who had the power to help people like Anita – and chose not to.

I challenge each of you to explain why it makes more sense to pay for Medicaid in other states, than it does to reform it in ours.

The path before us is clear:

We can make sure working folks can access affordable health care coverage.

We can improve and reform Medicaid in Missouri.

We can help people.

As the book of Isaiah says: "If you satisfy.... the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your night will become like the noonday."

At this time last year, the same Medicaid debate was taking place in state capitols across the country.

And since that time, we've seen Governors and legislators, Democrats and Republicans, in other states, come together to reform their health care systems. But here in Missouri we stood still. And now we've fallen behind.

This year, Missouri is paying the cost.

This year, Missourians are suffering the consequences.

I look forward to working with all of you to bring affordable health coverage to working families in Missouri and reform Medicaid the Missouri way.

One year ago, many of us gathered in St. Louis to mourn the loss of an icon – Missouri's adopted son, Stan Musial.

Stan the Man was a member of the Greatest Generation who put his career on hold to serve in World War II – and went on to become the greatest hitter in baseball history.

Stan was called baseball's "perfect warrior" – because while he swung a loud bat, he also carried himself with a quiet dignity – always a gentleman.

He was known to say, "Every day you put this jersey on, it's a privilege."

The same can be said for all of us in this room.

Every day when you put that pin on your lapel, and enter these doors to do the people's business, it's a privilege.

And with that privilege comes responsibility.

The people of Missouri count on us to look out for their families as if they were our families.

To focus on what matters: Better jobs. Better schools. Better opportunities for their children.

And it's easy to get caught up in the political back and forth of the day. Or the controversy of the hour. Or the latest tweet.

But we must be bigger than that, because the work we do here is very, very real.

It's real to the parents in Bolivar who didn't go to college but save money every week so someday their children can.

It's real to the farmer in Trenton who nearly lost his crop during the drought of 2012, but has come charging back.

It's real to the child with autism in O'Fallon who's getting the ABA treatment he needs to learn and thrive.

And you better believe it's real to the family in Joplin who lost everything and could have moved away and started anew – but they chose to stay right there to rebuild the town they love.

And their state government has been with them every step of the way –because that's what we do. That's why we serve.

We're here to make a difference for those who work hard and need a hand – often times for people we'll never meet.

Because the legacy we leave will not be measured by votes on Election Day or back-slaps in these hallways – it will be measured by the lasting impact we have on the communities we serve.

The opportunity we've been given – to make this kind of difference in the lives of those we represent – is as rare as it is fleeting.

Ten years from now, when trucks are still rolling off the line in Claycomo, folks might not remember the Missouri Manufacturing Jobs Act.

Twenty years from now, when the mom whose insurance paid for the cancer treatment that saved her life attends her son's college graduation, she won't know the names of the lawmakers who voted for Medicaid expansion.

And 30 years from now, when the student who was the first in her family to go to college takes the reins of a Fortune 500 company, she probably won't credit the high quality preschool she attended.

But we will. And we'll know we focused on the right things. We'll know we made the right choices.

That's our call to action.

That's the sacred responsibility we hold.

In the short time we've been given, let's make it count.

Together, let's build the Missouri our kids deserve.

Thank you, and God bless.

On motion of Senator Richard, the Joint Session was dissolved and the Senators returned to the Chamber where they were called to order by Senator Lager.

### INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS

Senator Brown introduced to the Senate, Dr. Cheryl B. Schrader, Chancellor, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla.

Senator Libla introduced to the Senate, Marshall Stallings, Charleston.

Senator Libla introduced to the Senate, Pastor Jamie Jones, and his wife, Deborah, and students Tavauna Cobb, Nicole Davis, Shannon Gipson and Amaud Bates, Caruthersville; Della Streaty-Wilhoit, Columbia; and Herman Styles, Jr., Poplar Bluff.

On motion of Senator Richard, the Senate adjourned under the rules.

### SENATE CALENDAR

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EIGHTH DAY—WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2014

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### FORMAL CALENDAR

### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 614-Dixon	SB 629-Kraus
SB 615-Dixon	SB 630-Wallingford
SB 616-Nasheed	SB 631-Wallingford
SB 617-Rupp	SB 632-Parson
SB 618-Nieves	SB 633-Parson
SB 619-Nieves	SB 634-Parson
SB 620-Nieves	SB 635-Silvey and Holsman
SB 621-Dixon	SB 636-LeVota
SB 622-Nieves	SB 637-Rupp
SB 623-Nieves	SB 638-Romine
SB 624-LeVota	SB 639-Brown
SB 625-Sater and Munzlinger	SB 640-Emery
SB 626-LeVota	SB 641-Emery
SB 627-LeVota	SB 642-Romine
SB 628-Schaaf	SB 643-Rupp



SB 644-LeVota	SB 684-Holsman
SB 645-LeVota	SB 685-LeVota
SB 646-LeVota	SB 686-LeVota
SB 647-Sifton	SB 687-LeVota
SB 648-LeVota	SB 688-LeVota
SB 649-Lager	SB 689-Schmitt, et al
SB 650-Lager	SB 690-Wasson
SB 651-Lager	SB 691-Wasson
SB 652-Lager	SB 692-Wasson
SB 653-Lager	SB 693-Parson
SB 654-Keaveny	SB 694-Cunningham
SB 655-Kraus	SB 695-Keaveny
SB 656-Kraus	SB 696-Schaefer
SB 657-Kraus	SB 697-Schaefer
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SB 659-Wallingford	SB 699-Pearce
SB 660-Wallingford	SB 700-Sater
SB 661-LeVota	SB 701-Lager
SB 662-Kraus	SB 702-Lager
SB 663-Munzlinger	SB 703-Lager
SB 664-Brown	SB 704-Lager
SB 665-LeVota	SB 705-Lager
SB 666-Schmitt	SB 706-Cunningham
SB 667-Schmitt	SB 707-Wasson
SB 668-Silvey	SB 708-Sifton
SB 669-Schaaf	SB 709-Wallingford
SB 670-Sater	SB 710-Walsh
SB 671-Sater	SB 711-Walsh
SB 672-Parson	SB 712-Walsh
SB 673-Kehoe and Wallingford	SB 713-Emery
SB 674-Kehoe	SRB 714-Lager
SB 675-Kehoe	SRB 715-Lager
SB 676-Curls	SB 716-Brown
SB 677-Curls	SB 717-Brown
SB 678-Curls	SB 718-Richard
SB 679-Curls	SB 719-Kehoe
SB 680-Curls	SB 720-Justus
SB 681-Curls	SB 721-Justus
SB 682-Curls	SB 722-Justus
SB 683-Curls and Keaveny	SB 723-Parson

SB 724-Parson	SB 746-Munzlinger
SB 725-Nieves	SB 747-Munzlinger
SB 726-Chappelle-Nadal	SB 748-Walsh
SB 727-Chappelle-Nadal	SB 749-Walsh
SB 728-Sifton	SB 750-Walsh
SB 729-Romine	SB 751-LeVota
SB 730-Nasheed	SB 752-Levota
SB 731-Nasheed	SB 753-Keaveny
SB 732-Keaveny	SB 754-Sater and Justus
SB 733-Schaefer	SB 755-Wallingford
SB 734-Cunningham	SB 756-Schaefer
SB 735-Brown	SB 757-Justus
SB 736-Sater	SB 758-Justus
SB 737-Walsh	SJR 36-Schaefer and Richard
SB 738-Walsh	SJR 37-Dixon
SB 739-Romine	SJR 38-Nieves
SB 740-Lamping, et al	SJR 39-Dixon
SB 741-Rupp	SJR 40-Curls
SB 742-Schmitt	SJR 41-Curls
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SB 745-Munzlinger	SJR 44-Schaefer

## INFORMAL CALENDAR

### RESOLUTIONS

To be Referred

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