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Remembering What Is Important This Holiday Season

JEFFERSON CITY — I love this time of year. Everyone is busy and in a hurry, making preparations for what, to many people, is the happiest time of the year. People will soon begin gathering together to exchange gifts, enjoy food, and catch up with loved ones who have been away. It is also a time of year to reflect on the past and things that we hold dear. As always, I am also grateful this year for the time to remember the one true reason for the Christmas season.

Although this is a happy time of the year for many, I know that this year has been very difficult for some. There have been job cuts, high prices at the grocery store and the gas pump, and uncertainty as our nation's economy struggles to gain ground. Those who are struggling may not be able to give their loved ones as much as they would like, and still others may be struggling to give anything at all. I urge everyone in my district, who is able, to give to their local charities and help make this season a little brighter for those less fortunate than themselves.

As I reflect on what is important this holiday season, I am grateful for my family and friends, and for the citizens of southeast Missouri, which I am proud to serve. Also, I am reminded of President Ronald Reagan's 1982 Christmas address, which was made at a time when our nation faced many of the same hardships and uncertainties that we are faced with today. In that address, President Reagan stated:

“In spite of everything, we Americans are still uniquely blessed, not only with the rich bounty of our land, but by a bounty of the spirit — a kind of year-round

Christmas spirit that still makes our country a beacon of hope in a troubled world and that makes this Christmas and every Christmas even more special for all of us who number among our gifts the birthright of being an American.”

I believe that message rings true even today, and I am grateful to be a citizen of the greatest country on earth.

Finally, I sincerely hope that you and yours have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and as always, if you have comments or questions about this week’s column or any other matter involving state government, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach my office by phone at 1-877-291-5584.

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