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## **A Great Way to Honor Missouri's Unsung Heroes**

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Every so often, you can read a heartwarming article, listen to a radio program, or watch a television show highlighting the accomplishments of an individual or group of citizens who are considered heroes in their community. Many of us know people who exhibit the hard work and dedication characteristic of a hero, but who don't get the recognition they deserve.

Each year, the Missouri Senate produces a themed calendar that is distributed to senators throughout the state capitol and features some aspect of Missouri's history or culture. This year's calendar will be the first to include submitted entries from Missourians throughout the state. Now, the Missouri Senate is giving you a chance to nominate a person or group of people who could have an opportunity to be featured in the 2009 Senate Calendar.

Each senator in the General Assembly has a chance to select two nominees from his or her district. Twelve finalists will be featured in the Senate calendar, which will be chosen by a panel of judges. All runners-up will be listed in the calendar as well. Nominations need to be sent it by April 30, 2008.

Citizens who are nominated would be from the private sector who have achieved, accomplished, or overcome something remarkable in their lives — and done so without (to date) accolades, fanfare or recognition from news outlets, civic groups or officials. Perhaps you know a widowed mother of four working two jobs and earning a nursing degree through night school, or a volunteer who has faithfully run a meals-on-wheels route for 15 years without missing a day or a stop, or a young man working his way through college while caring for a disabled parent — because in Missouri, there is no shortage of quiet heroism.

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I'd like to hear from my constituents in seeking out these remarkable Missourians. If you know someone who selflessly serves others and deserves to be named a Missouri Unsung Hero, please nominate that person by visiting [www.senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov) and clicking on the "[Know A Hero?](#)" link. Here, you can fill out a short questionnaire and nominate individuals, families or groups.

There are a countless number of citizens from the 28<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District who put their time and effort toward a good cause without any type of recognition. This Unsung Heroes Calendar is a way to show these hard working individuals and important members of our community that we appreciate their efforts.

I strongly encourage anyone who knows a candidate to please submit their name for this project. I look forward to reviewing your stories and learning about the many people who make a difference in the 28<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District.

If you have questions or comments about the 2009 Senate calendar, the nomination process or any other issue, please feel free to contact me at 573-751-8793 or by e-mail at: [delbertscott@senate.state.mo.us](mailto:delbertscott@senate.state.mo.us).

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