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Sen. Gary Nodler Asking for Nominations of 'Missouri's Unsung Heroes'

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Gary Nodler, R-Joplin, today asked residents in the 32^{nd} District to submit the names of Missourians from the private sector who have achieved, accomplished or overcome something remarkable in their lives. Some of these remarkable Missourians from throughout the state will be featured in the Missouri Senate's 2009 Calendar.

"There are so many members of the community who put their time and effort towards a good cause without any recognition," said Sen. Nodler. "This is a way to show these important members of our community that we appreciate their efforts."

The Missouri Senate produces a themed calendar each year highlighting some aspect of Missouri's history or culture. This year will be the first to include submitted entries from the public. Sen. Nodler will select two nominees from the 32^{nd} District, and these two individuals, families, or groups will be submitted to a panel of volunteer judges who will select 12 finalists for the calendar.

A nomination form can be found online at <u>www.senate.mo.gov</u> by clicking on the "Know a Hero?" link. Submissions need to be received online by May 16, 2008.

"I encourage anyone who knows a candidate to please submit their name for this project," said Sen. Nodler.

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