



State Senator Scott T. Rupp ~ District 2

# The Rupp Report

*Serving Lincoln County & St. Charles County*

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## **Christmas Spirit Reigns Despite Challenging Times**

Christmastime is a very special time of year when we shop for gifts, plan our holiday gatherings, and celebrate the season with loved ones, co-workers and friends. It's also a time when we reflect on the past and the things we hold dear and remember the true reason for the Christmas season.

While the Christmas season is a joyous time of the year, I know this has been a difficult year for many as our economy still struggles to gain ground from the economic downturn of 2008. Those who are struggling may not be able to give as much as they would like to while some are wondering if they can give anything at all. I urge everyone in my district, if you are able, to give to your local charities to help make this season a little brighter for those who may need a helping hand this season.

In 1982, when Ronald Reagan was president, he gave a Christmas address during a time when our nation was facing many of the same hardships and uncertainties of today. I think its sentiment still rings true today. In his 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 a 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.”*

As I reflect on what's important this holiday season, I am grateful for my family and friends and for the citizens of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, who I am proud to serve.

I sincerely hope that you and yours have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And, as always, if you have any 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 (866) 271-2844.

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