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## Senator Rob Mayer Honors Caruthersville Doctor as Missouri 'Unsung Hero' During Senate Ceremony

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Rob Mayer, R-Dexter, recognized area physician, Dr. Douglas Fitzwater of Caruthersville, during a special "Hero Day" ceremony held in the Senate Chamber on Jan. 14.

Dr. Fitzwater was among more than a dozen Missourians selected as "Unsung Heroes" during a statewide contest held last year and is featured in the 2009 Missouri Senate calendar. Two award recipients were honored posthumously.

Dr. Fitzwater, who runs a family practice and pediatrics clinic in Caruthersville, was recognized for his generous concern and compassion for others. On the second Saturday of each month, he quietly opens his clinic to provide free medical care and medication to Caruthersville-Hayti residents who could not otherwise afford it.

"Dr. Fitzwater is truly deserving of this special recognition for his generous concern and compassion for the residents of Pemiscot County," Sen. Mayer said. "His work is making a positive difference for many and I want to thank him and congratulate him for his exceptional efforts."

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Senator Rob Mayer represents the people of Wayne, Ripley, Butler, Stoddard, New Madrid, Pemiscot and Dunklin counties in the Missouri Senate.