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# The Mayer Memo



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## Christmas Spirit Reigns Despite Challenging Times

Christmas is almost here and I have to say I really do enjoy the sights, sounds and many activities associated with this festive holiday season. While this is a busy time of year for shopping, cooking, and making our holiday plans with families and friends, it's also a time to focus on what is truly important and to remember the real reason for the season.

Christmas 2009 will be challenging for many Americans as our economy still struggles to rebound and many families are thinking of ways to trim holiday spending or may be wondering if they can afford to give anything at all. I hope those who are able will consider giving to local charities to help brighten the holidays for those who may be experiencing difficult times.

It's often during such times when we experience the true meaning of Christmas. Many southeast Missouri communities are "adopting" more families who need a little extra help this holiday season and many are finding other caring ways of helping neighbors and friends in need. To me, these generous folks are demonstrating one of the true meanings of the Christmas season: goodwill toward men.

While this holiday season will be impacted by our nation's tough economic times, there are still many reasons to celebrate and give thanks. We can also find many ways to share the true spirit of the Christmas season with acts of kindness, encouraging words, and the gifts of our time and service.

As I reflect on what is important this holiday season, I am grateful for my family and friends and for the citizens of the 25<sup>th</sup> District, who I am proud to serve. I am also very grateful to live in this great country, which I know will eventually overcome the challenges we face with a remarkable spirit and resolve that have always defined us.

Merry Christmas.

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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