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### Senator Griesheimer Honors Two District Residents as Missouri Unsung Heroes During Senate Ceremony

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JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. John Griesheimer, R-Washington, today recognized two District 26 residents that were named Missouri Unsung Heroes and are featured in the 2009 Missouri Senate Calendar.

Joseph A. Gray of Washington and Sandra Dailey of Eureka were among more than a dozen Missourians honored during a special “Hero Day” ceremony held in the Senate chamber. Unsung Hero winners were selected following a statewide contest held last year. Two recipients were honored posthumously.

Joseph Gray was honored for his work as a tireless advocate for Franklin County veterans. Gray is an active supporter of the Franklin County Honor Flight Program — a program that takes groups of World War II veterans, free of charge, to see the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. He also assists many veterans in obtaining medals missing from military records and works to ensure veterans in unmarked graves receive a proper headstone. Gray also teaches flag history and etiquette to fifth- and sixth-graders in Franklin County schools.

Sandra Dailey was recognized for her positive example and winning attitude. Dailey is the single mother of five grown children and became disabled following an accident three years ago. During her recovery, she launched into the wheelchair racing sport while coping with a job loss and trying to finish her college degree. Today, at age 50, she is an award-winning wheelchair racer.

“I couldn’t be prouder of these two individuals,” Sen. Griesheimer said. “Joe Gray is well-known around Franklin County for putting any veteran before himself, and Sandra Dailey is just a remarkable woman who has turned a tragedy into a triumph. They are a real inspiration to me and many others and I’m so pleased to recognize their achievements in this special way.”

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*Sen Griesheimer with Joe Gray and family, left, and Sandra Dailey and family, right, in the Senate Chamber during Hero Day on Jan. 14.*

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