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Wishing You and Your Family a Happy Holiday Season

Everyone has their own traditions during the holiday season. Some send Christmas cards to their loved ones, decorate the Christmas tree with ornaments from years past, hang lights outside their house to proudly display their holiday cheer, share their wish lists with Santa in hopes of getting what they want this year, sit down with family and friends for a holiday feast, and buy gifts for those who bring out the Christmas spirit in them.

This time of year also provides citizens with a wonderful opportunity to help those who are less fortunate. Many of us have already shared the joy of Christmas by donating a toy for a needy child, giving items to a food drive or shelter, or sharing their time with an organization that needs a helping hand. There are numerous organizations located in the 2nd Senatorial District that still need your help this holiday season, and as we focus on 2011, the need for volunteers will continue as we ring in the new year.

In my **community services directory** located on my Senate website, I list several community and human services in Lincoln and St. Charles counties that help citizens throughout the year, including **Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County**, the **Salvation Army** locations in O'Fallon and St. Charles, and the **United Way of Greater St. Louis**. These and other organizations provide our community with much-needed services. Without their hard work, many citizens would not be given the blessings the rest of us have received this year.

Christmas is celebrated in many ways. However you decide to celebrate this holiday season, I hope you do so with the love and kindness shared through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This joy comes from our everlasting faith — faith in humanity and in Christ. As I share this special time with my family and watch the holiday spirit through my children's eyes, I am reminded of how blessed I am to have such a loving family, a job that allows me to serve our state's citizens, and a district filled with constituents who help me strive to make our state a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

If you have questions regarding any issues within state government, please visit my website at www.senate.mo.gov/rupp. You can also **e-mail me** or call my office toll-free at (866) 271-2844.

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