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Congratulations 2010 Graduates

Seniors throughout Southeast Missouri are gearing up for graduation. They are attending practice ceremonies, finalizing their studies, and getting together to celebrate with



friends and family. This is a time in their lives that brings a celebration for the accomplishment of completing school and sadness for the classmates and teachers they are leaving. I would like to congratulate all of our graduates for their hard work and accomplishments, as well as the parents and teachers that got these

students to this important point in their education.

In Jefferson City, one of my most basic guiding principles is that education is the best investment we can make in our state. This year's graduates are an example of this. The

education they received will take them towards becoming the next teachers, scientists, public servants, and medical professionals. Today they are walking across the stage to receive their diploma, but they are one step closer to making a difference in their community, their state, and their world. Some of these students will go on to college and others will join the workforce, but all of them are going forward to contribute to society, and this is truly an achievement.

There is no student that is graduating this year that did not receive nurturing support

along the way. For this reason, we need to make sure that graduation is a time to also thank and congratulate the parents and relatives who helped support and encourage their children. For some, this meant staying up late to help with a project or sitting on cold bleachers cheering on the team, but for each student graduating, there



is an entire group of supporters to appreciate. It is also a proud day for educators, who get to see the students they have worked hard to challenge and motivate achieve their goals. These teachers dedicate their lives to reaching this day and getting the chance to see their students succeed and move toward greatness.

Once again, I would like to offer my congratulations to the graduates of 2010. This is an important time in your lives, and I encourage you to take the time to celebrate your achievement. Know that your family, friends, and community are proud of you.

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