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MLK Day

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On behalf of the Missouri House of Representatives and the Missouri General Assembly, it is my honor to be able to greet you today to celebrate the life of a great American. It is great being on the campus of my Alma Mater to bring a brief message about someone who created a legacy that altered our perception of not only how the world was...  
...but how it could be.  
So as we talk about Dr. King today...  
...and to celebrate this great man and all he did for our nation...  
...it's also important that we take a closer look at ourselves and the world we live in today.

To me, the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday gives us a much-needed opportunity to look at the world around us...  
...and assess the advances we have made as a people over the years.  
It serves as a reminder to check the measuring stick of our progress as a nation and a free society. We still have many strides to take in order to eliminate the boundaries in our society that have kept people from reaching their true potential.  
Every day people suffer from prejudice of their religion, race or gender.

However, this is not an unsolvable problem.  
Each and every day we can come together as a people...  
...as individuals who are bound together and... work toward the greater good...  
...and are blind to any differences that may exist between us.

I see it each and every day in my job as a state legislator.  
We bring together 163 individuals from all parts of the state with varying belief and backgrounds...  
...and even though we have our differences, we... usually.. find a way to work together.  
We look for that common ground and we see the things in one another that bring us together...  
...rather than focus on the things that would tear us apart.  
It is great to celebrate the life and triumphs of a great American such as Martin Luther King Jr. I am proud to join my community today to honor his legacy.

Thank you.