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Good afternoon, I apologize that I am not able to make it to Jefferson City this evening, but I want to thank Chairman Representative Brad Christ for giving this legislation a hearing and Sen. Tracy McCreery for her sponsorship. Chris Sifford was my cousin and, while serving as Chief of Staff to Governor Mel Carnahan, he tragically passed away in the now infamous plane crash along with the Governor and his son Randy in the fall of 2000. Chris is greatly missed by my family in the Puxico area of southeast Missouri. If you know anyone who worked in the capitol in the late 90's I encourage you to ask them about Chris Sifford. When I myself served as legislative staff for 6 years I heard countless stories from longtime staff, lobbyists, press corps, former elected officials, and the public who to a person remembered Chris and how outgoing, smart, and incredibly kind he was to everyone he encountered. In the spring of 1999 Chris was surveying a great flood near the Mississippi River with First Lady Carnahan, Gov. Carnahan, fellow staff Roy Temple, and the Adjutant General. During flight, the helicopter's door flew off in a malfunction. Chris grabbed Roy who was sitting beside him, fearing for his life. He later said that had the helicopter gone down the headlines would have said "Governor, First Lady, and staff" die in crash. Tragically, that more or less did occur a little over a year later when Gov. Carnahan, Randy, and Chris passed in the fall of 2000. This naming day in honor of Chris has now been filed three consecutive years. Last year this legislation was passed by both chambers and died in the senate towards the end of session after several house amendments had been added, and the Senate stopped passing legislation relatively altogether. This bill has been filed by members of both parties and in both chambers. I also personally received the blessing of the late First Lady and U.S. Senator Jean Carnahan for this language prior to her passing last year, and she believed it was a great way to honor Chris, Randy, and Gov. Carnahan. We greatly appreciate your support of this legislation and believe it is an honorable testament to the memory of Chris and to all public servants in Missouri. We appreciate your consideration for voting this bill consent and pushing it over the finish line towards Gov. Kehoe's desk. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Sincerely, Tyler Travers 573-727-4406



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I am in full respect for every State of Missouri Employee and Citizen. I am Opposed to this Bill on many factors. This Bill is unfair to the Thousands of other Missourians who tragically lost their lives that were Residents and great Citizens of Our State. But there is NOT a Day Named in their Memory to Celebrate and Honor their Life. I am very sorry that Chris Sifford passed away in a Campaign Airplane. It is very unfortunate. Let's NOT forget ALL of the other Missourians!