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Governor Parson Calls for a Fresh Start in Address to the Missouri General Assembly

As the legislative special session came to a close, the Missouri House and Senate convened for a joint session in the House Chamber to listen to an address from Gov. Mike Parson. The new governor, who was sworn into office Friday, June 1, delivered an address to lawmakers that focused on the importance of public service and the need to work together to create a better Missouri.

During his remarks, Parson also stressed that his focus in office will be on serving the people of the state. "As we move forward, together, I pledge that I will spend every day working to make our state stronger and more prosperous," said Parson. "I promise that the welfare of the people will be my guiding principle and sole consideration. And I will never forget - never forget - that public service is — first and foremost — about serving Missourians."

Parson also used his address to praise lawmakers for the "care, prudence, and professionalism" they showed as they worked to seek the truth and do what is right for Missouri. In addition, he made time to recognize the members of the General Assembly for the incredibly productive regular session that saw them approve the majority of their legislative priorities.

As Gov. Parson said in his speech, "Not long ago you completed one of the most historic legislative sessions in recent memory. Not enough has been said about it. Your many

legislative achievements include significant tax reform for Missourians, record education funding for our students, government union reform, a responsible, balanced budget, and many other reforms that made government smaller, more efficient, and more effective for Missourians.”

With the special session now concluded, members of the House and Senate are next scheduled to convene for the annual Veto Session on Sept. 12.

I appreciate you allowing me the opportunity to serve you in Jefferson City.

Until our next update, I remain in your service

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Houx". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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