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To whom it may concern:

In 2003, I announced the creation of a district-wide project entitled *History Matters!* that is designed to promote history and civic education among young Missourians. Now five years later, I am pleased to say that the *History Matters!* project continues to be a thriving piece of my congressional work.

With many schools starting this month, I wanted to take this means to remind you and your staff about *History Matters!* and the resources available to you through this project, some of which include: my guest lecturing to students about our unique history; promoting several history and civics programs, including the National Endowment for the Humanities *We the People* initiative, which provides grants for teachers and librarians; and highlighting important historical sites within the Fourth Congressional District, such as the Lewis and Clark Trail and the Battle of Lexington State Historic site.

I encourage you, your staff, and your students to visit my *History Matters!* website www.house.gov/skelton/history_matters.shtml. The site is regularly updated with valuable history and civic education links for students and resources and grant information for teachers.

I hope you take advantage of the resources available through *History Matters!* I believe that when children learn about history they become not only better students but also better citizens.

With best regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



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Member of Congress