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Special Tactics Training Squadron
Attention: Staff Sergeant Travis Sanford
100 Servais Way
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Dear Sergeant Sanford:

On behalf of the six million citizens of Missouri, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate you on your being selected as a 2012 *Portraits in Courage* recipient, and to thank you for your valorous and honorable service to our country as a member of the United States Air Force.

Over the past 200 years, Missourians have readily answered the call of duty in our nation's armed forces, and many have distinguished themselves in doing so. By your actions during combat in Afghanistan, you have deservedly joined that roll of honor.

While our nation cannot repay the debt we owe to the men and women in our military who defend our freedoms, we can and must let them know of our eternal gratitude at every opportunity.

Thank you again, Staff Sergeant Sanford, for your distinguished service on our behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Nixon", written over a faint, larger signature.

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor