CHAPTER ONE

CHAMPIONS of CHANGE

"Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better."

—Harry S Truman

Over the last 200 years, courageous Missourians have seized the opportunity to lead change. They have valiantly fought for better lives for all Missourians and Americans. Missouri politicians have worked towards policy change. Advocates have spoken out against injustices and provoked discussions on the present and future of the United States. Still others brought light into darker moments in our history, leading young men and women into battles for freedom.

Our lives are better today because of these leaders, and Missourians continue to lead the fight for a bright and free future.