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Senator Kurt Schaefer Remembers His Friend, George Parker *Parker was WWII Veteran, Legislator, Political Innovator*

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – Missouri has lost a great American hero. George Parker, a man with a long history of service to his country, state, and fellow man, has passed away.

Parker flew a Marauder B-26 bomber in World War II in service to his country. He was later elected to the Missouri House of Representatives as the first Republican from Boone County to win an election in decades, and is credited with founding the Pachyderm Club, an organization aimed at bringing political awareness to the people. Today, Pachyderm Clubs span 16 states with over 60 chapters.

“I am truly saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Parker, and proud to have called him my friend,” Sen. Schaefer said, “His contribution to America, Missouri and the nation as a whole shall not go unrecognized, nor be forgotten.”

Sen. Schaefer recently attended a celebration of Parker’s life, along with other friends and well-wishers from all over the country. Parker, who was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, decided to hold the party for his friends on his 86th birthday. He spent the day with many friends and family members, telling stories of his historic life and times.

“Mr. Parker’s life is an inspiration to both young and old.” Sen. Schaefer said.

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