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A Very Merry Season

It is starting to become that special time of year where presents are under the tree, cookies are being made, preparations for Santa are underway, and family comes to town to celebrate a baby boy who was born in a manger all those years ago.

Christmas used to be a holiday that celebrated the birth of Jesus, encouraged strong family relationships, and provided an opportunity for memories to be made and for memories to be shared. Unfortunately, the business of Christmas has become far more important to some people than the tradition of Christmas.

The traditions of Christmas include a variety of things. Some of these traditions may include drinking a big glass of eggnog or enjoying a tall cup of milk with a fresh, hot cookie. Some of these traditions may include making a long Christmas list to send to the North Pole or leaving food out for the reindeer to eat after their long voyage from Santa's stables. Some of your favorite traditions may include waking up early Christmas morning to see the gifts Santa brought or having a big meal after Christmas Eve service at church.

Some of my favorite traditions are eating far too much and slightly regretting it after the fact. I also love spending time with my family and friends, old and new. I also love eating cookies, drinking eggnog, opening presents, and listening to Christmas music. I enjoy going to church on Christmas Eve and being reminded of the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas is not just a corporate holiday used to make money and film Hallmark movies. It is a day to be thankful, giving, kind, humble, and appreciative. It's a day where we remember good times and seek to make more. It's a day where we remember those we've lost in the past year and how much we miss their company. It's a day to welcome new family members and friends into traditions and it's a day that we are reminded how important giving is.

I love Christmas and I love the Christmas season. I am filled with joy, happiness, and laughter at all that was and all that will be. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from my family to yours!

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns at Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wi.gov.

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