Some of the bills are issues Spencer has pushed before that didn’t make it to passage. Others are new measures related to issues in the communities Spencer represents.

2020 will be Spencer’s final year in the Missouri House of Representatives for District 63, which includes the Wright City and Wentzville areas. He will be term-limited at the end of next year, and has announced a run for the state Senate in 2022.

Below are the bills Spencer has filed so far for 2022:
- HB 1753 would create new protections for health care workers. Spencer said one of the dangers facing hospital workers are when they are asked to treat patients under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- The “Right to Remember Act,” HB 1751, would make it more difficult for local towns and counties to use eminent domain to relocate or modify historical military monuments, memorials or veteran grave markers. Public entities would have to hold a public hearing and have a majority vote before taking any such action.
- Protecting the use of working animals is the goal of HB 1752, an anti-cruelty bill.
- HB 1610 would authorize cities and counties to direct U.S. flags to be flown at half-staff after the death of a person of local significance.

Spencer said he is looking forward to officially introducing his bills when the legislative session begins Jan. 8. More information about each bill can be found at the Missouri House of Representatives website, www.house.mo.gov.

Cookbooks benefit arthritis research

Cookbooks on sale now at several locations in Warren County are raising money for a special cause.

Purchases of “Our Story: Juvenile Arthritis Cook Book” will go to benefit the Arthritis Foundation, which is dedicated to the prevention and treatment of arthritis and juvenile arthritis.

The cookbook is written by 35 young people with juvenile arthritis, who share their personal stories of living with the ailment, along with their favorite recipes. It was organized by local resident and juvenile arthritis patient Britney Gifford.

The cookbook can be purchased at Legacy Drug Store in Warren County and several locations in Wright City for $15. A portion of the proceeds covers the cost of the book, and the rest goes to the Arthritis Foundation.

The books can also be purchased online at BritneysBlessings.com, and a copy is available to check out at the Warren County Rec Center Library.