

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5

92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, the Missouri Department of Agriculture has expressed a strong need for
3 a biosafety level 3 lab to be housed on the veterinary school campus at the University of
4 Missouri-Columbia;

5 **Whereas**, a biosafety level 3 lab would bridge gaps within the University and the
6 University and the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Conservation, and the
7 Department of Health and Senior Services in protecting the environment from agents that are a
8 potential threat to plants and animals, but not to humans; and

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10 **Whereas**, the Missouri Farm Bureau, the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association,
11 the Governor's Chronic Wasting Disease Task Force, and the Missouri Livestock and Poultry
12 Health Council have all expressed support of the establishment of a biosafety level 3 lab in the
13 State of Missouri; and

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15 **Whereas**, the establishment of a biosafety level 3 lab is of critical importance to
16 the Department of Conservation because of the threat chronic wasting disease poses for Missouri
17 deer and elk herds. Since there currently is no biosafety level 3 lab in the state, the 6,000
18 samples taken during the most recent deer season in Missouri are being sent to other laboratories
19 across the country, which will most likely result in delays of several months in receiving test
20 results; and

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22 **Whereas**, the establishment of a biosafety level 3 lab in the State of Missouri will
23 provide the necessary infrastructure to assist infectious disease specialists and researchers who
24 work with highly infectious pathogens to do so in a safe and controlled environment:

25 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
26 Representatives of the Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
27 concurring therein, hereby encourage and recommend the establishment of a biosafety level 3
28 lab on the veterinary school campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia; and
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30 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
31 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for
32 University of Missouri-Columbia Veterinary School, the Director of the Department of
33 Agriculture, the Department of Conservation, and the Director of the Department of Health and
34 Senior Services.