

House Concurrent Resolution No. 16

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, in 1654, Jewish refugees from Brazil arrived on North American shores
2 and formally established North America's first Jewish community in New Amsterdam, now New
3 York City; and
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5 **Whereas**, America welcomed Jews among the millions of immigrants that
6 streamed through our Nation's history and helped shape our Nation; and
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8 **Whereas**, the American Jewish community has been intimately involved in our
9 Nation's civic, social, economic, and cultural life; and
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11 **Whereas**, the American Jewish community has sought to actualize the broad
12 principles of liberty and justice that are enshrined in the constitutions of the United States and
13 the State of Missouri; and
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15 **Whereas**, the American Jewish community is an equal participant in the religious
16 life of our Nation; and
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18 **Whereas**, American Jews have fought valiantly for the United States in every one
19 of our Nation's military struggles from the American Revolution to Operation Enduring
20 Freedom, with not less than 16 American Jews having received the Medal of Honor; and
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22 **Whereas**, 2005 marks the 351st anniversary of the American Jewish community;
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25 **Whereas**, the Commission for Commemorating 351 Years of American Jewish
26 History has designated September 2005 as "American Jewish History Month":
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28 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
29 Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
30 concurring therein, hereby declare that the State of Missouri:

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32 (1) Recognizes the 351st anniversary of the American Jewish Community;

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34 (2) Supports designation of an "American Jewish History Month"; and

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36 (3) Urges all Missourians to share in this commemoration so as to have a greater
37 appreciation of the role of the American Jewish Community in helping to defend and further the
38 liberties and freedom of all Americans.