

House Concurrent Resolution No. 37

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, Chamois, Missouri, is a community located along the Missouri River
2 in northern Osage County which has no means to cross the river except by way of bridges located
3 approximately 45 miles to the west and 30 miles to the east; and
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5 **Whereas**, the people who live in Chamois incur increasingly high costs using
6 present routes in order to reach destinations on the north side of the Missouri River for
7 employment, recreation, and business; and
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9 **Whereas**, people who live on the north side of the Missouri River are equally
10 restricted from accessing destinations on the south side of the Missouri River, respectively; and
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12 **Whereas**, locating a ferryboat on the Missouri River at Chamois would allow
13 residents on both sides to cross the River, reducing travel times and travel costs, provide a safer
14 route, and conserve fuel; and
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16 **Whereas**, locating a ferryboat at Chamois would establish the only reported ferry
17 on the Missouri River and would thereby promote tourism on both sides of the River by
18 attracting more visitors to the area and creating a driving destination for tourists visiting such
19 communities as Hermann, Fulton, and Jefferson City; and
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21 **Whereas**, locating a ferryboat at Chamois would likewise give residents on the
22 south side of the River access to the Katy Trail located on the north side of the River; and
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24 **Whereas**, numerous organizations have endorsed the ferryboat at Chamois,
25 including but not limited to the Hermann Area Chamber of Commerce, the Fulton Area Chamber

26 of Commerce, the county commissions for Osage and Callaway counties, the City of Mokane,
27 the City of Chamois, and the Missouri Division of Tourism; and
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29 **Whereas**, the promoters of the ferryboat at Chamois have requested federal and
30 state funding for the project:
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32 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
33 Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
34 concurring therein, hereby express support for the Chamois ferryboat and urge the Missouri
35 Department of Economic Development and the Missouri Department of Transportation, along
36 with other state agencies, to assist in securing moneys for locating of the ferryboat; and
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38 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
39 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Governor
40 Matt Blunt, Gregory A. Steinhoff, the Director of the Department of Economic Development,
41 and Peter Rahn, the Director of the Missouri Department of Transportation.