

House Concurrent Resolution No. 38

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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6 **Whereas**, the State of Missouri, the residents of its cities, towns, and communities,
7 have a shared interest in promoting and improving Patriotism towards the United States and
8 Missouri in particular, and can greatly accomplish this goal by teaching and emphasizing the
9 historical heritage of our Nation and State; and
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12 **Whereas**, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education,
13 institutions of higher education, textbook publishers, school boards, and elected officials at every
14 level have a responsibility to students, their parents, the community, and our future culture to
15 advance this purpose of developing Patriotism and an appreciation of our Judeo/Christian
16 Heritage and the Character of the Patriots who molded our heritage; and
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18 **Whereas**, the quality of life in Missouri and the Nation depend on the people
19 having a reliable supply of information from primary source documents which clearly and
20 frequently demonstrate the personal character influences of historical figures, and those who
21 established our state and national historical documents and events; and
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23 **Whereas**, the preservation of liberties in Missouri and the Nation depend on a
24 people who have a Patriotic love for our country and recognize the full value of our heritage and
25 the prices paid in paving its path; and
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27 **Whereas**, an opportunity exists for Missouri to objectively search primary source
documents which reflect the influences of our Judeo/Christian Heritage and to come up with
strategies and educational programs which ensure that our school student's education addresses
these documents appropriately as part of our state and national history, without censorship; and
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29 **Whereas**, an opportunity exists for Missouri to establish a greater patriotism in the
30 children of the residents of its cities, towns, and communities by honoring our Nation and the

28 deep sacrifices of the men and women who have made this country free, and to remind ourselves
29 of the extraordinary part of this Heritage that came about because of Patriotism and love of
30 country; and

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32 **Whereas**, we have a flag that represents our Declaration of Independence, and the
33 liberty, justice, and happiness that our Constitution made possible, thanks to the ultimate
34 sacrifice of the many men and women who gave their lives to secure such a heritage for their
35 posterity; and

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37 **Whereas**, we are compelled to reduce any potentially harmful or negative impact
38 from failing to teach the patriotism of our founding fathers, and to emphasize the importance of
39 state and national sovereignty, and personal character influences, and the consequences of citizen
40 indifference, public cynicism, and other public body attitudes; and

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42 **Whereas**, there is a clear need for an increased attention to be placed upon the
43 benefits and positive impacts which come from understanding our founding father's patriotism
44 and the heritage they established for use, and how such perspectives strengthen our own patriotic
45 resolve to maintain benefits of a healthy state and national sovereignty, our compassion, and
46 sound global influence:

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48 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
49 Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
50 concurring therein, hereby support every effort to educate Missouri students, at all levels, about
51 the Judeo/Christian Heritage of our State and Nation along with the patriotism of our founding
52 fathers, without censorship of content-based historical religious or sectarian references; and

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54 **Be it further resolved** that all schools in the State of Missouri are strongly
55 urged to start each day in each and every elementary, middle, and high school classroom with
56 the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, giving students an opportunity to daily renew their oath to
57 their country under God and honor those whose courage, sacrifice, and patriotic valor have made
58 our country free; and

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60 **Be it further resolved** that all schools in the State of Missouri are strongly
61 urged to use textbooks and support teachers whose instruction regarding our Founding Fathers
62 Patriotism and historical documents in elementary, middle, high school, and colleges help to
63 inform and prepare our children to be patriotic citizens; and

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65 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
66 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for D. Kent
67 King, the Commissioner of Education for distribution to each public school district in the State
68 of Missouri.