

House Concurrent Resolution No. 31

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, two of this country's greatest waterways, the Mississippi River on
2 Missouri's eastern border and the Missouri River which winds across the state, helped Missouri
3 become a supply center for many of the westward-bound settlers of the nation's early years; and
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5 **Whereas**, from the muddy Missouri to the swift and clear Jacks Fork, the hundreds
6 of rivers and streams in Missouri snake across more than 50,000 miles of the state - more than
7 twice the distance around the earth - providing endless recreational opportunities for
8 Missourians, including boating, fishing, swimming, and bird watching along the bluffs bordering
9 our many rivers and streams; and
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11 **Whereas**, shipping along the navigable rivers boosted Missouri's status as an
12 agriculture supplier, barges and steamboats used the waterways to move goods, river towns
13 boomed, and railroads continued to fuel the growth of Missouri as a large transportation center;
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16 **Whereas**, the Missouri Territory, and later the State of Missouri, took the name of
17 the Missouri River which was named for the Missouri Indians who lived along the banks. The
18 name "Missouri" means "canoe haver"; and
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20 **Whereas**, the State of Missouri has many nicknames, with the most widely
21 recognized being "The Show-Me State". Missouri is also called the "The Cave State", "The Lead
22 State", "The Bullion State", "The Ozark State", "The Iron Mountain State", and the
23 "Pennsylvania of the West"; and
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25 **Whereas**, roads along or near both banks of the Mississippi River along its entire
26 length have been designated as "The Great River Road" and are marked with a special road sign
27 which depicts a ship's wheel; and

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29 **Whereas**, the Great Rivers Greenway District was established in November 2000
30 in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County to eventually develop "The River
31 Ring" as an interconnected system of greenways, parks, and trails in the St. Louis area which will
32 enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors; and

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34 **Whereas**, from confluence of the Big Muddy and the Mighty Mississippi at the
35 eastern portion of the state and looking north, south, or west, the State of Missouri includes the
36 land that Meriwether Lewis and William Clark scanned as they began their journey up the
37 Missouri River on their Voyage of Discovery in 1804, the land that is habitat for deer, turkey,
38 bald eagles, and other wildlife, the land that is farmland abundant with agricultural crops, and
39 the same land that held 260 billion gallons of water during the Great Flood of 1993; and

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41 **Whereas**, with much of Missouri's history tied to the mighty rivers that flow
42 through it, Missouri should also be known as the "The Great Rivers State":

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44 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
45 Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
46 concurring therein, hereby encourage the use of the slogan "The Great Rivers State" as a slogan
47 for the State of Missouri and urge the Division of Tourism within the Department of Economic
48 Development to recognize and incorporate the slogan in promoting Missouri tourism; and

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50 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
51 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for John
52 Robinson, the Director of the Division of Tourism.