

House Concurrent Resolution No. 56

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, the first annual Tour of Missouri professional bicycle race will be held
2 throughout Missouri from September 11-16, 2007; and
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4 **Whereas**, the Tour of Missouri is a major international sporting event with a high
5 international ranking, involving the same athletes and teams as compete in the Tour de France,
6 the Vuelta a España, the Giro d'Italia, the Tour de Georgia, and the Tour of California; and
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8 **Whereas**, Governor Blunt and Lt. Governor Kinder, chair of Missouri's Tourism
9 Commission, in an effort to promote tourism for the state and health and wellness for Missouri
10 residents, have provided the leadership to bring the Tour to Missouri; and
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12 **Whereas**, the Tour de Georgia welcomes over 600,000 spectators and the Tour of
13 California over one million spectators annually, hundreds of thousands of these from out-of-state
14 or out-of-country; and
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16 **Whereas**, national and international media coverage of the Tour of Missouri will
17 put Missouri's bicycling attractions, outdoor recreational opportunities, forward-thinking
18 communities, and scenic countryside before a world stage; and
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20 **Whereas**, the national and international media coverage will provide an excellent
21 opportunity to highlight Missouri's many bicycling opportunities, including the Katy Trail and
22 other trail networks, the Ozark Trail and other high-quality mountain biking and hiking trails,
23 communities with existing or improving bicycle transportation networks, and the four major
24 national bicycle touring routes that pass through Missouri: The TransAmerica Trail, the Lewis
25 and Clark Trail, the Mississippi River/Great Rivers Trail, and the American Discovery Trail; and
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27 **Whereas**, the 2007 Tour of Missouri will feature the cities and countryside
28 throughout much of Missouri, including Kansas City, Clinton, Springfield, Branson, Lebanon,
29 Columbia, Jefferson City, St. Charles, St. Louis, and others; and
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31 **Whereas**, the annual nature of the Tour of Missouri allows the route to be varied
32 from year to year, thus bringing the benefits of tourism, travel, international media exposure, and
33 economic development to many different cities, regions, and attractions throughout the entire
34 state of Missouri over a period of years; and
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36 **Whereas**, the Health and Wellness Fair that will travel with the Tour and the
37 school outreach activities associated with the tour will reach many thousands of Missourians
38 with a health and wellness message and encouragement to pursue their own healthy lifestyles as
39 they enjoy Missouri's many outdoor recreational opportunities; and
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41 **Whereas**, the month of September will include many health and wellness activities,
42 bicycle events, and other community events that will be related to or be enhanced by their
43 association with the Tour of Missouri:

44 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
45 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
46 concurring therein, hereby urge all to participate in the events planned and to enjoy the healthy
47 lifestyle choices and recreational activities promoted during the month; and
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49 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
50 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
51 Director of the Division of Tourism.