

House Concurrent Resolution No. 21

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, due to the continued increase in demand for forest products both
3 nationally and internationally, forest crop land values have greatly increased as a result of such
4 demand; and

5 **Whereas**, while Missouri has an abundance of forested acres, the majority of those
6 acres are not under forest management practices; and
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8 **Whereas**, in the absence of sustainable forest management practices, yield
9 potentials are not achieved; and
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11 **Whereas**, the State Forest Law administered by the Conservation Commission
12 currently provides cost share programs and partial tax relief for lands valued at \$400 per acre or
13 less; and
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15 **Whereas**, Missouri counties that have forest crop land conveyed to the
16 Conservation Commission and privately-held land designated as forest crop land receive a
17 minimum payment of 50 cents per acre on such land:
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19 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
20 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
21 concurring therein, hereby instruct the Missouri Conservation Commission to carefully examine
22 all statutes and regulations regarding forest crop lands of the state and prepare a plan to
23 maximize Missouri forest crop sustainability, yield quantity and quality, and bio-mass and forest
24 product utilization; and
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26 **Be it further resolved** that the General Assembly further instructs the
27 Missouri Conservation Commission to examine the current cost share program, tax relief
28 program, and offset payments to counties as to fairness, effectiveness, assessability, and
29 utilization; and
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31 **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri Conservation Commission make
32 a report of its findings and recommendations regarding the State Forest Law to the Missouri
33 General Assembly and the Governor on or before January 1, 2008; and
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35 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
36 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Governor
37 Matt Blunt and the Missouri Conservation Commission.