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House Concurrent Resolution No. 13

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES LOEHNER (Sponsor), FISHER, FITZWATER, ASBURY,
DUGGER, GUERNSEY, CAUTHORN, LANT, JOHNSON AND KORMAN (Co-sponsors).

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WHEREAS, the rivers and streams of the State of Missouri are a great natural resource and benefit to the citizens of Missouri and the aquatic life therein; and

WHEREAS, these rivers and streams run through the heartland and fertile bottom lands that produce our abundant food supply and provide a large part of our agricultural income; and

WHEREAS, the farmers and landowners who have lived and farmed along these stream banks for generations have the right to protect and preserve their precious soil so as to protect and continue their way of life; and

WHEREAS, these streams need to be managed in a manner that is beneficial to the stream's aquatic life as well as the farmer's interest in protecting private property, financial interest, and ability to feed their family and yours; and

WHEREAS, the federal and state agencies in charge of regulating in-stream activities, including stream bank stabilization, gravel removal and excavation, vegetation removal, or a combination thereof, are basing their decisions and practice approval on policy developed not on scientific study but solely on their priorities determined by these agencies and their commenting groups; and

WHEREAS, the federal and state agencies as well as their commenting groups that are in charge of protecting the aquatic life and environment of these streams and rivers should base their decisions and practices on unbiased scientific studies that take into account all aspects of these streams, including flood control, soil conservation, gravel buildup, and the aquatic life, and not undertake actions to achieve policy goals; and

WHEREAS, these federal agencies as well as their commenting groups should place as much importance on our farmers' fields, private property, and precious soils as the aquatic life in these streams:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby encourage our Governor and our Missouri Congressional delegation

34 to demand these agencies review all policy decisions on in-stream activity, thereby promoting
35 the use of sound scientific research and data that is produced from unbiased studies; and
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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that our Missouri Congressional delegation demand
38 federal and state agencies as well as their commenting groups base past and future decisions and
39 practices involving any stream activity inside the high banks on unbiased scientific university
40 studies along with practices that have been proven effective over generations of landowner
41 implementing; and
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43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
44 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the
45 United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Land Management and the Fish and
46 Wildlife Service within the United States Department of Interior, the United States
47 Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Department of Agriculture, the Missouri
48 Congressional delegation, Governor Jay Nixon, the Missouri Department of Conservation, the
49 Missouri Department of Agriculture, and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

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