

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 51

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES LAMPE (Sponsor), NASHEED, McNEIL, WEBBER, HODGES,  
McDONALD, KIRKTON, STILL, McCANN BEATTY, NICHOLS, PIERSON, MORGAN,  
WALTON GRAY, HUBBARD, PACE, MAY, ELLINGTON, RIZZO, MONTECILLO, ATKINS, OXFORD,  
SCHUPP, HOUGH, FALLERT, CASEY, CARTER, KELLY (24), HOLSMAN, ELLINGER, BLACK,  
BROWN (50), COLONA, TAYLOR, SWINGER, McMANUS, QUINN,  
TALBOY AND SIFTON (Co-sponsors).

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2       **WHEREAS**, the children of Missouri are our future and will provide the leadership,  
creativity, and productivity to strengthen and sustain the quality of life in our state; and

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4       **WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri has the responsibility for ensuring that our children  
5 have every possible opportunity for school and future success; and

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7       **WHEREAS**, each student in Missouri deserves to be challenged academically and  
8 prepared for college, meaningful employment in our global economy, and lifelong success; and

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10       **WHEREAS**, each student in Missouri deserves to be actively engaged in learning and  
11 connected to the school and broader community; and

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13       **WHEREAS**, each student in Missouri deserves to be supported by qualified, caring  
14 adults and receive access to personalized learning; and

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16       **WHEREAS**, each student in Missouri deserves to learn about and practice a healthy  
17 lifestyle; and

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19       **WHEREAS**, each student in Missouri deserves to learn in an environment that is  
20 physically and emotionally safe; and

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22       **WHEREAS**, the consequences of not ensuring our young people are challenged,  
23 engaged, supported, healthy, and safe are clear; and

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25       **WHEREAS**, nearly 20,500 students did not graduate from Missouri's high schools in  
26 2009, with lost lifetime earnings for that class alone totaling more than \$5.3 billion according  
27 to the Alliance for Excellent Education; and

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29       **WHEREAS**, Missouri spends over \$53 million each year to provide community college  
30 remediation education for recent high school graduates who did not acquire the basic skills  
31 necessary to succeed in college or at work; and

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33       **WHEREAS**, the percentage of Missouri children living in poverty has increased from  
34 approximately 15% in 2005 to nearly 20% in 2009; and

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36       **WHEREAS**, Missouri's obesity rates have increased 13.4% over 10 years; and

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38       **WHEREAS**, research indicates that more than 20% of students report there is no adult  
39 at their school who cares about them or knows them well; and

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41       **WHEREAS**, 23% of public schools reported that bullying occurred among students on  
42 a daily or weekly basis during the 2009-2010 school year, according to the 2011 Indicators of  
43 School Crime and Safety report:

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45       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
46 Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
47 concurring therein, hereby:

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49       (1) Recognize the month of March as "Missouri Whole Child Month" in Missouri; and

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51       (2) Recognize the value of assuring that each student is challenged, engaged, supported,  
52 healthy, and safe; and

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54       (3) Encourage parents, educators, and community members to support a whole child  
55 approach to education for each student; and

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57           (4) Encourage every Missouri school to celebrate Whole Child Month by identifying at  
58 least one of the whole child tenets to promote and encourage throughout the month; and

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60           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
61 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each  
62 school district in this state.

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