

House Concurrent Resolution No. 123

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE REMOLE.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, Missouri sheltered workshops are based on an industrial model of
2 development, which values individual work ethic, skills development, and productivity, rather
3 than the medical model used in many states; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the industrial model of service delivery provides meaningful employment
6 of people with disabilities through the production of goods and services for the private sector;
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9 **WHEREAS**, the medical model of service delivery, through intensive staff support and
10 programmed development, relies heavily on public funds and provides day activities with
11 secondary emphasis on meaningful work; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, Missouri sheltered workshops represent the most experienced employment
14 specialists for people with disabilities in Missouri; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, Missouri sheltered workshops have a solid track record of providing
17 meaningful, dignified employment to persons with disabilities in Missouri; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, people with disabilities employed by Missouri sheltered workshops
20 produce goods and services for Fortune 500 companies as well as small, local businesses. A
21 partial list of contracts includes work opportunities in electro-mechanical and manual assembly;
22 custom, high-speed packaging; automated and computerized inspection and quality control;
23 custom mailing; commercial laundry and janitorial work; data entry; machine operation; wood,
24 metal, and plastics fabrication; document preservation; and entrepreneurial enterprises; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, Missouri sheltered workshops have been advocates for people with
27 disabilities for over 40 years, acting as a catalyst for development of other needed services and
28 supports; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, Missouri sheltered workshops are proven leaders in enabling people with
31 disabilities to access a variety of vocational and personal options through direct service or
32 referral networks; and

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34 **WHEREAS**, Missouri sheltered workshops were instrumental in the support and passage
35 of Senate Bill No. 40 in 1969, which allowed voter-authorized county tax levies to assist people
36 with developmental disabilities, which provide for continued support of local workshops and
37 expanded service opportunities for people with disabilities in their local community; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, Missouri sheltered workshops are community-based programs operated by
40 local boards of directors responsive to the grassroots needs of their citizens with disabilities.
41 Each workshop is unique to its local community and circumstance; and

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43 **WHEREAS**, Missouri sheltered workshops, in partnership with the state of Missouri,
44 team to produce an outstanding return on investment for both taxpayers and people with
45 disabilities; and

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47 **WHEREAS**, Missouri sheltered workshops, in partnership with business and industry,
48 are an integral part of their local economies; and

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50 **WHEREAS**, Missouri sheltered workshops believe in the self-worth of every person and
51 their right to full participation in their local community as they choose:

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53 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
54 Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
55 concurring therein, hereby reaffirm Missouri's support of the industrial model of service delivery
56 for Missouri sheltered workshops; and

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58 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
59 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
60 Governor of Missouri and the board of directors of every sheltered workshop in Missouri.

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