

House Concurrent Resolution No. 44

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE POGUE.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

2 **WHEREAS**, the Missouri state capitol shall be freely open to the public to peacefully
3 assemble, to petition their government, and to observe all sessions of the general assembly; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2002 metal detectors were installed at the state capitol after the
5 September 11 attacks but were taken down in 2003; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the state spent more than \$415,000 to buy and install the new security
8 equipment that is presently in use at the capitol building; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, the state capitol has two metal detectors located at two of the three public
11 entrances; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the expense of one metal detector will cost the state tax-payers over
14 \$71,000 each year, with a total of \$142,000 each year; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, that expense does not include the payroll of the security personnel who sit
17 at each entrance and conduct security screenings on those entering the capitol; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, Governor Greitens recently announced \$146.4 million of spending
20 restrictions because the Missouri budget is suffering from reduced revenue and poor economic
21 growth; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, the unnecessary spending on security measures at the state capitol will
24 assist in getting Missouri toward the goal of a balanced budget:

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26 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
27 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
28 concurring therein, hereby urges the Board of Public Buildings to remove the metal detectors and
29 security personnel at the entrances to the Missouri state capitol; and

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31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
32 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for each
33 member of the Board of Public Buildings.

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