

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 64

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHAUL (113).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

WHEREAS, steamboats are deeply entwined in Missouri's history and culture; and

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3 **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen steamboat operated for many years and in many areas
4 across the country as top-of-the-line luxury travel and was previously allowed to provide
5 overnight cruises; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen steamboat has carried three different United States
8 Presidents and transported delegates of 51 other nations during the founding conference of the
9 United Nations; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen is widely considered the last steamboat of its kind with
12 overnight guest rooms; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen was once home to Mary Greene, who was one of the first
15 women to become a licensed river boat pilot; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen is expected to visit over 80 different ports in the United
18 States when it resumes operation; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen has established a home port, restaurant, and headquarters
21 in Kimmswick, Missouri; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen Steamboat Co. has created over 170 local jobs and is
24 expected to bring in more than \$36.4 million to the region annually; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, resuming overnight cruises would bring even more economic benefits to
27 the region and create further economic growth and opportunity; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen has been designated as a "National Treasure" by the
29 National Trust for Historic Preservation, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and
30 declared a National Historic Landmark; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen was named to the National Trust for Historic
33 Preservation's "11 Most Endangered List" for 2016; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, United States Senate Bill S. 89 exempts old vessels that only operate within
36 the inland waterways from federal fire-retardant materials requirements if the owners of the
37 vessel make annual structural alterations to at least ten percent of the areas of the vessel that are
38 not constructed of fire-retardant materials:

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40 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
41 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
42 concurring therein, hereby urge that the United States Congress enact United States Senate Bill
43 S. 89; and

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45 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
46 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for each
47 member of the Missouri congressional delegation.

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