SCS HCS HB 266 -- STATE DESIGNATIONS

This bill creates six new state designations:

(1) May 26th shall be known as "Battle of St. Louis Memorial Day" to commemorate the only battle of the American Revolution fought in what would become the state of Missouri (Section 9.117, RSMo);

(2) July 7th of every year shall be known as "Missouri Sliced Bread Day" to commemorate the first sale of sliced bread in Chillicothe, in 1928 (Section 9.240);

(3) September 9th shall be known as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day" to bring awareness of this childhood cancer (Section 9.285);

(4) October shall be known as "Eczema Awareness Month" (Section 9.286);

(5) Establishes the "Missouri Historical Theater" designation. The Missouri State Council for the Arts shall administer the program. The designation requires a theater to meet specified criteria, including being a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, operating for at least 50 years, performance history, and contribution to tourism and arts promotion. The department may charge a fee to cover the costs of the program (Section 185.070);

(6) Establishes the "Missouri Solar Pollinator Habitat Act," which requires the University of Missouri extension service, in consultation with other state and nongovernmental agencies, to publish a scorecard that sets out criteria for claiming that a solar site is pollinator-friendly or provides benefits to pollinators. The scorecard must be available on the University of Missouri extension service's website within six months of the effective date of the bill.

An owner of a solar site implementing site management practices specified in the bill may claim that the site is pollinator-friendly or provides benefits to pollinators if the site and its vegetation management plan adhere to the criteria set out in the scorecard. An owner making a claim that it is pollinator-friendly or provides benefits to pollinators must make available to the public and provide to the University of Missouri extension service and a nonprofit solar industry trade association a copy of its completed scorecard and vegetation management plan (Section 261.500); and

(7) Requires products labeled "Missouri Bourbon" or "Missouri Bourbon Whiskey" to be mashed, fermented, distilled, aged in oak

barrels manufactured in Missouri, and bottled in Missouri. Also, beginning January 1, 2020, all corn used in the mash must be grown in Missouri (Section 311.025).

This bill also modifies the current definition of "holocaust" as used in the Holocaust Education and Awareness Commission Act. The definition of Holocaust used in the bill is the period from 1933 to 1945 during which six million Jews and millions of others were murdered by the Nazis as part of a state-sanctioned program of genocide. The definition is no longer restricted to murders occurring only within Nazi concentration camps (Section 161.700).