

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 68

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JUSTUS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

WHEREAS, on April 19, 1775, the Continental Army engaged in the first battles of the Revolutionary War. Known as the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the battles marked the outbreak of open armed conflict between the Kingdom of Great Britain and thirteen of its colonies on the mainland of British America to establish American independence; and

WHEREAS, the first Militia units, which became today's National Guard, were established in the Massachusetts Bay Colonies on December 13, 1636, and armed to protect American citizens; and

WHEREAS, between 1775 and 2017, over 41 million Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, in addition to countless Militiamen between 1636 and 1775; and

WHEREAS, the United States has suffered casualties of over 1.4 million men and women, including scores of Missouri citizens who have made the ultimate sacrifice to defend democracy and freedom; and

WHEREAS, the families who have lost immediate relatives in support of military operations are known as Gold Star Families; and

WHEREAS, the people of Missouri wish to properly honor our military men and women who gave their lives in service to our country and thank their families for their sacrifice and bravery, recognizing that no one has given more for this nation than the families of the fallen; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, war memorials perpetuate the appreciation and legacy of our fallen hero
27 warriors and their families and educate communities about the price paid for our way of life; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument is to honor
30 Gold Star families who have sacrificed and lost loved ones in service to their country, and who
31 stand as a stark reminder that freedom is not free; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to honor the fallen warriors from the state of Missouri, and
34 their families, by recognizing the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, which has been
35 constructed and dedicated on the College of the Ozarks campus, as an official Gold Star Families
36 Memorial Monument of the state of Missouri:

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38 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
39 Representatives of the One Hundredth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
40 concurring therein, hereby recognize the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument at the College
41 of the Ozarks campus in Point Lookout, Missouri, as an official Gold Star Families Memorial
42 Monument of Missouri; and

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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri Department of Transportation is
45 urged to prepare and establish appropriate highway signage to recognize the location and provide
46 directions to the Missouri Gold Star Families Memorial Monument and the Missouri Vietnam
47 Veterans Memorial, such signage to be paid for by the College of the Ozarks; and

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49 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
50 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
51 president of the College of the Ozarks; the Veterans and Military Coalition of the Ozarks in
52 Branson, Missouri; and the Missouri Department of Transportation.

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