

House Concurrent Resolution No. 92

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WASHINGTON.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

2 **WHEREAS**, all forms of bigotry—anti-Semitism, Islamaphobia, racism, sexism, and
3 other hatred for people based on their religion, ethnicity, nationality, disability, or sexual
4 orientation—are intolerable and incongruent with the aspirational vision of the United States of
5 America as a global leader among nations promoting liberty, respect, and justice for all; and

6 **WHEREAS**, all residents of Missouri and the United States have among their
7 constitutional rights the right to practice their own religion and to free speech, including the right
8 to boycott, and these rights are vital components of the democratic pantheon that is the First
9 Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, boycotts have played a strategically significant and celebrated role in
12 United States history, utilized by individuals with grievances against government, such as the
13 colonial boycotts of British tea and the Montgomery bus boycott; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, criticism of a nation by individuals, including as a nonviolent citizens'
16 boycott, does not constitute bigotry against the citizens of that nation. Rather, the boycott of a
17 nation is means of encouraging the government of the nation to modify its policies and practices
18 to uphold the inalienable human rights of all people:

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20 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
21 Representatives of the One Hundredth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
22 concurring therein, hereby affirm all people are equally precious and should not be subjected to
23 bigotry or hatred because of their religion, ethnicity, nationality, disability, or sexual orientation;
24 and

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26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the general assembly reaffirms that the
27 government of Missouri is guided by the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights,
28 including the assertion that all people have the constitutional right to boycott any entity when
29 they have conscientious concerns with the entity's policies or actions; and that the government

30 of the State of Missouri shall not punish individuals by denying them a state contract for
31 exercising their constitutional right to boycott; and

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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
34 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
35 Governor.

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