

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4926

## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PLOCHER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

1           **WHEREAS**, Marie Watkins Oliver, hailed as the "Betsy Ross of Missouri," played a  
2 pivotal role in crafting the Missouri state flag; and

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4           **WHEREAS**, leading a Daughters of the American Revolution committee, Marie  
5 Watkins Oliver sought insights nationwide, resulting in the flag design that blends red, white,  
6 and blue to symbolize Missouri's federal ties and local autonomy; and

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8           **WHEREAS**, the flag's central coat-of-arms reflected the state's geography, while  
9 twenty-four stars marked Missouri's statehood; and

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11           **WHEREAS**, despite several setbacks, including a fire that consumed her original  
12 flag, Marie Watkins Oliver's determination prevailed and the Oliver Flag was adopted on  
13 March 22, 1913; and

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15           **WHEREAS**, Marie Watkins Oliver's silk flag remains in Jefferson City as a testament  
16 to her enduring legacy; and

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18           **WHEREAS**, the General Assembly has a long tradition of honoring prominent  
19 Missourians for their achievements and contributions to the state through induction into the  
20 Hall of Famous Missourians:

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22           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri  
23 House of Representatives, One Hundred Second General Assembly, grant the Speaker of the  
24 House, Dean Plocher, permission to use the House Chamber for the purpose of inducting the  
25 bust of Marie Watkins Oliver into the Hall of Famous Missourians on Monday, April 15,  
26 2024, at 1 p.m.

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28 *Special note:* Participants in the aforementioned event shall conduct themselves in a manner  
29 that preserves the dignity and honor of the House of Representatives. Such persons shall

30 behave respectfully and dress appropriately for the occasion. Food items, drinks, and  
31 smoking are prohibited on the floor of the House and lower gallery, and participants shall  
32 refrain from any conduct that diminishes the decorum of the House Chamber.

33 Access to the dais is limited to the Speaker's podium for purposes of using the  
34 microphone to speak to those assembled. Access to the staff area behind the rostrum is  
35 prohibited.

36 Group photographs; the hanging of any banners or other items on the walls, curtains,  
37 or any surface within the House Chamber; and the use of any equipment, including  
38 computers, phones, or other items on the dais and rostrum area, are also prohibited.

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