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With the impact that General Grant had in Missouri history and the history of the country, it seems absurd that this should even be questioned. Other states have already led the way in this endeavor and, in my humble opinion, Missouri should have taken the lead. Especially since this is where his Civil War exploits began and which led to his election as the 18th President.



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Dear Chair Seitz, Vice-Chair Matthiesen, and Ranking Member Barnes: I write in support of H.B. 2751, which would designate April 27, President Ulysses S. Grant's birthday, as Ulysses S. Grant Day in Missouri. Last year, Ohio enacted a similar designation of Grant's birthday, and Missouri would become the second state to do so. That is particularly appropriate, because Missouri served for years as Grant's home state. Grant's connection to the city and county of St. Louis in his prewar life is well known and is perhaps best embodied at White Haven, his wife's family home (which Grant would later purchase) that is today administered as the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site. Grant's achievements are unsurpassed among American leaders. He had served gallantly during the Mexican-American War. During the Civil War, his early command extended to much of Missouri, and Belmont was his first battle. By sheer ability, courage, and his steadfast sense of duty, he rose to become the supreme commander of the Union armies. Over the course of his battles and campaigns, including at Forts Henry and Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chattanooga, the Wilderness Campaign, the Petersburg Campaign, and the Appomattox Campaign, General Grant was the principal author of Union victory. His magnanimous surrender terms at Appomattox earned him the gratitude of battlefield foes. His military victories enabled the emancipation of enslaved people. General Grant oversaw military Reconstruction after the war and supported groundbreaking civil rights measures. He served as the nation's eighteenth president between 1869 and 1877. As president, he secured the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, which prohibits racial discrimination with respect to voting rights. He signed into law the creation of the Department of Justice, several Enforcement Acts, and a Civil Rights Act upholding equal rights. He pushed prosecution efforts that crushed the nineteenth-century Ku Klux Klan. He resolved disputes with Spain and Great Britain that threatened war, advancing an important principle for peace among nations. His peace policy made the humane treatment of Native Americans a priority and helped save them from extinction. His economic policy took on serious fiscal and monetary challenges and laid the groundwork for future prosperity. During his two-year trip around the world, former President Grant established a model of public diplomacy for future presidents. His Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant stands as one of the greatest works of American literature. In war and in peace, Ulysses S. Grant displayed an unflinching dedication to his country and the highest personal character. The designation of his birthday as a state holiday is an appropriate way to honor the general and president whose extraordinary leadership saved the Union and worked to bring about a new era of peace and equality for all Americans. Thank you very much for your consideration. Sincerely, Frank Scaturro  
 President Grant Monument Association



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**This is part of the American history. Regardless of how a person believes in the Union or Confederate army, both sides fought for what the soldiers believed in, whether individually or collectively. Just like any service men from the beginning of time to now, the people who serve shouldn't be forgotten.**



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I plan to present a letter for the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a letter from the Grant Monument Association, and the U.S. Grant Presidential Library.