

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BOSLEY.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, Donald J. Trump has, through repeated public statements and conduct,
2 undermined the foundational principle of equality under the law for all Americans; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, generations of men and women fought and sacrificed to secure the
5 constitutional rights and civil liberties of every person in this nation, including those whose
6 rights were long denied and withheld until the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, African Americans have been indispensable to the development and
9 prosperity of the United States, contributing profoundly to its infrastructure, innovation,
10 agriculture, cuisine, military service, medicine, science, and energy systems; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, African Americans helped build and sustain this nation through
13 resilience, labor, sacrifice, and an enduring commitment to democratic ideals despite systemic
14 discrimination;
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16 **WHEREAS**, African Americans were historically subjected to literacy tests, poll
17 taxes, and other discriminatory barriers designed to suppress their right to vote, yet persisted
18 in civic participation resulting in the election of the first Black member of Congress in 1870
19 and the first Black woman elected to Congress in 1968; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, white supremacist systems sought to dehumanize African Americans
22 through racial terror, lynching, historical erasure, and racist caricature, efforts intended to
23 diminish their humanity and civic standing; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, Donald J. Trump has been publicly associated with the dissemination of
26 racially offensive content depicting former President Barack Obama and former First Lady
27 Michelle Obama as apes, imagery historically used to dehumanize Black Americans; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, he has not publicly accepted full responsibility for the dissemination of
30 such content; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, this state and this nation must reject all forms of racial dehumanization
33 and affirm the equal dignity and worth of every person:

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35 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
36 Representatives of the One Hundred Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the
37 Senate concurring therein, hereby condemn the racially offensive content disseminated by
38 Donald J. Trump; and

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40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
41 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for
42 President Donald J. Trump.

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