

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PLANK.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

2 **WHEREAS**, according to the United States Department of Agriculture, the first
3 reports of hemp being grown in Missouri date to 1835; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Crop Insurance Program began in 1938; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the Controlled Substances Act of 1970 made the production of all
8 cannabis, regardless of THC levels, illegal to grow and manufacture; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 required the United States
11 Department of Agriculture to establish a framework for hemp production; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the Missouri House of Representatives passed HB 2034 in 2018 to allow
14 the production of industrial hemp in the state; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, in 2020, the Risk Management Agency for the United States
17 Department of Agriculture began allowing certain industrial hemp growers to obtain crop
18 insurance to mitigate risk; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, in 2020, Missouri registered twenty two-thousand seven hundred sixty-
21 three acres of hemp, but farmers planted only seven hundred seventy acres of hemp; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, in 2021, the United States Department of Agriculture expanded the
24 program to cover additional areas but there is still no coverage for Missouri; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, in 2021, Missouri farmers planted one thousand four hundred acres of
27 hemp; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, in 2022, Missouri farmers planted one thousand nine hundred acres of
29 hemp; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, the Missouri Industrial Hemp Program ceased operations at the end of
32 2022 and thereafter Missouri let the United States Department of Agriculture license hemp
33 production:

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35 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
36 Representatives of the One Hundred Second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the
37 Senate concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Department of Agriculture to
38 include Missouri in the federal Industrial Hemp Crop Insurance Program; 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 the
42 United States Secretary of Agriculture, Thomas Vilsack, and all members of the Missouri
43 Congressional delegation.

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