

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 68

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

2           **WHEREAS**, on April 19, 1775, the Continental Army engaged in the first battles of the  
3 Revolutionary War. Known as the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the battles marked the  
4 outbreak of open armed conflict between the Kingdom of Great Britain and thirteen of its  
5 colonies on the mainland of British America to establish American independence; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the first Militia units, which became today's National Guard, were  
7 established in the Massachusetts Bay Colonies on December 13, 1636, and armed to protect  
8 American citizens; and

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10           **WHEREAS**, between 1775 and 2017, over 41 million Americans have served in the  
11 Armed Forces of the United States, in addition to countless Militiamen between 1636 and 1775;  
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14           **WHEREAS**, the United States has suffered casualties of over 1.4 million men and  
15 women, including scores of Missouri citizens who have made the ultimate sacrifice to defend  
16 democracy and freedom; and

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18           **WHEREAS**, the families who have lost immediate relatives in support of military  
19 operations are known as Gold Star Families; and

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21           **WHEREAS**, the people of Missouri wish to properly honor our military men and women  
22 who gave their lives in service to our country and thank their families for their sacrifice and  
23 bravery, recognizing that no one has given more for this nation than the families of the fallen;  
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26           **WHEREAS**, war memorials perpetuate the appreciation and legacy of our fallen hero  
27 warriors and their families and educate communities about the price paid for our way of life; and

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29           **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument is to honor  
30 Gold Star families who have sacrificed and lost loved ones in service to their country, and who  
31 stand as a stark reminder that freedom is not free; and

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33           **WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to honor the fallen warriors from the state of Missouri, and  
34 their families, by recognizing the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, which has been  
35 constructed and dedicated on the College of the Ozarks campus, as an official Gold Star Families  
36 Memorial Monument of the state of Missouri; and

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38           **WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to honor the fallen warriors from the state of Missouri, and  
39 their families, by recognizing the Gold Star Memorial Monument and Pavilion located at  
40 Jefferson Barracks Park as an official Gold Star Families Memorial Monument of the state of  
41 Missouri; and

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43           **WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to honor the fallen warriors from the state of Missouri, and  
44 their families, by recognizing the Gold Star Memorial Monument located at the Missouri Capitol  
45 as an official Gold Star Families Memorial Monument of the state of Missouri:

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47           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
48 Representatives of the One Hundredth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
49 concurring therein, hereby recognize the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument at the College  
50 of the Ozarks campus in Point Lookout, Missouri, the Gold Star Memorial Monument and  
51 Pavilion at Jefferson Barracks Park in St. Louis County, Missouri, and the Gold Star Memorial  
52 Monument at the Missouri Capitol in Jefferson City, Missouri, as official Gold Star Families  
53 Memorial Monuments of Missouri; and

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55           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri Department of Transportation is  
56 urged to prepare and establish appropriate highway signage to recognize the location and provide  
57 directions to the Missouri Gold Star Families Memorial Monument and the Missouri Vietnam  
58 Veterans Memorial, such signage to be paid for by the College of the Ozarks; and

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60           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri Department of Transportation is  
61 urged to prepare and establish appropriate highway signage to recognize the location and  
62 directions to the Missouri Gold Star Memorial Monument and Pavilion at Jefferson Barracks  
63 Park, such signage to be paid by charitable donations; and

64           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
65 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the  
66 president of the College of the Ozarks; the Veterans and Military Coalition of the Ozarks in  
67 Branson, Missouri; and the Missouri Department of Transportation.

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