

House Resolution No. 1025

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSS.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, all state governments and the federal government endorse educational
2 excellence and student achievement as essential to a democratic society; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States enacted the Secure Rural Schools and
5 Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Secure Rural Schools Act) in order to supplement
6 funding for schools in rural communities with federal lands; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, funding under the Secure Rural Schools Act is critical for local school
9 districts, which rely on state and local property taxes as a significant source of their funding; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, tax-exempt federal lands can greatly reduce the state and local property
12 taxes that support local school districts; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, funding to local school districts in Missouri under the Secure Rural Schools
15 Act totaled over three million dollars for the 2013-14 school year; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States last reauthorized the Secure Rural
18 Schools Act in 2015; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, without reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools Act, states will receive
21 significantly decreased payments in 2017; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, children of Missouri should not suffer because they live in a rural
24 community with federal lands; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, states and local school districts should retain sufficient educational funding
27 to achieve both federal and state educational goals and mandates; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, decreased payments under the Secure Rural Schools Act will significantly
30 damage the ability of states and local school districts to achieve both federal and state
31 educational goals and mandates:

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33 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri House
34 of Representatives, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, hereby encourage the 115th Congress of the
35 United States to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools Act; and

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
38 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for each
39 member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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