

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 12**  
**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, transforming into today's National Guard, were  
7 established in the Massachusetts Bay Colonies on December 13, 1636, armed to protect  
8 American citizens; and

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10       **Whereas**, between 1775 and today over 41 million Americans have served in the Armed  
11 Forces of the United States, in addition to countless Militiamen between 1636 and 1775; and

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13       **Whereas**, the United States has suffered casualties of over 1.4 million men and women,  
14 including scores of Missouri citizens, who have made the ultimate sacrifice defending democracy  
15 and freedom; and

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17       **Whereas**, the families who have lost immediate relatives in the support of military  
18 operations, known as Gold Star Families, are also tragedies of war and armed conflict; and

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20       **Whereas**, the people of Missouri wish to properly honor our military men and women  
21 who gave their lives in the service of our country, and thank their families for their sacrifice and  
22 bravery, recognizing that no one has given more for the nation than the families of the fallen; and

23       **Whereas**, war memorials perpetuate the appreciation and legacy of our fallen hero  
24 warriors and their families present and past and educate communities about the price paid for our  
25 way of life; and

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27       **Whereas**, the purpose of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument is to honor Gold  
28 Star families, relatives, and Gold Star children who have sacrificed and lost loved ones in the  
29 service of their country, and who stand as a stark reminder that freedom is not free; and  
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31       **Whereas**, it is appropriate to honor the fallen warriors and their families from the state  
32 of Missouri by recognizing the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, which has been  
33 constructed and dedicated on the College of the Ozarks campus, as an official Gold Star Families  
34 Memorial Monument of the state of Missouri:  
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36       **Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that the members of the Missouri Senate, One-hundredth  
37 General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein,  
38 hereby recognize the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, at the College of the Ozarks  
39 campus in Point Lookout, Missouri, as an official Gold Star Families Memorial Monument of  
40 Missouri; and  
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42       **Be It Further Resolved** that the Missouri Department of Transportation is urged to  
43 prepare and establish appropriate highway signage to recognize the location and direction to the  
44 Missouri Gold Star Families Memorial Monument and the Missouri Vietnam Veterans  
45 Memorial; such highway signage and any additional signs shall be paid for by the College of the  
46 Ozarks; and  
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48       **Be It Further Resolved** that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare  
49 properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the president of the College of the Ozarks, the  
50 Veterans and Military Coalition of the Ozarks in Branson, Missouri, and the Missouri  
51 Department of Transportation.

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