

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

Whereas, the Newtonia Battlefields, located in the village of Newtonia, in Newton County, Missouri, was the site of two Civil War battles; and

Whereas, the First Battle of Newtonia, occurring on September 30, 1862, was the first battle in which organized Union and Confederate regiments of American Indian soldiers were directed to fight against each other; and

Whereas, the Second Battle of Newtonia, occurring on October 28, 1864, was the final battle and defeat of Confederate General Sterling Price's Missouri Expedition of 1864; and

Whereas, the Second Battle of Newtonia was the final battle of the Civil War in the highly contested state of Missouri and ensured that the state of Missouri remained under Union control; and

Whereas, the historical importance of the Newtonia Battlefields is exemplified by its designation on the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, it has been a priority of the local community to maintain a high level of integrity of the site of the Newtonia Battlefields; and

Whereas, the inclusion of the Newtonia Battlefields as a part of the National Park Service will continue the preservation of the site; and

Whereas, the history of the Newtonia Battlefields is important to gaining a better understanding of the deadliest war in United States history; and

Whereas, the expansion of the neighboring Wilson's Creek National Battlefield to include the Newtonia Battlefields will protect and enhance opportunities for the

public to learn about the historical significance of Missouri and its citizens during the Civil War; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred First General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby call on the United States Congress to enact legislation allowing the United States Department of Interior to increase the size of Wilson's Creek National Battlefields to include the land containing the site of the Newtonia Battlefields in order to preserve the history of the Civil War; and

Be It Further Resolved that the members of the Missouri General Assembly, hereby call on all members of the Missouri Congressional delegation to lend their influence to the enactment of legislation allowing for the addition of the Newtonia Battlefields to the National Park System; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.