SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

Whereas, the state of Maine celebrated its bicentennial on March 15, 2020; and

Whereas, the Missouri Compromise allowed Maine's admission to the Union as a free state in 1820 and Missouri's admission to the Union as a slave state in 1821, thereby maintaining the balance of slave and free states; and

Whereas, the destinies of our two states are forever linked by the injustices of slavery; and

Whereas, the people of Missouri are grateful for the historical relationship that binds our two states. We celebrate with Maine a shared respect for liberty and justice for all; and

Whereas, the people of Missouri recognize that our freedoms are inextricably bound together and, in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "we cannot walk alone":

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, One-hundredth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby wish the people of the State of Maine a joyful 200th birthday and a prosperous future; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the governor of Maine, Janet Mills.