
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri would like to have the two hundred five acres which were previously given to it by the city of Licking for the construction of a correctional center annexed into the city limits of Licking; and

WHEREAS, the city of Licking would also like to encompass such area; and

WHEREAS, section 71.012, RSMo, requires that for voluntary annexation all fee interest owners of property within a proposed area of annexation sign a verified petition requesting such annexation; and

WHEREAS, section 37.005, RSMo, vests the fee title of this state property in the Governor:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby authorize the Governor to approve the proposed annexation of the aforementioned two hundred five acres into the city of Licking; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Governor and the Board of Aldermen of the city of Licking, Missouri.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, on April 24, 1915, three hundred Armenian leaders, writers, thinkers and professionals and five thousand of the poorest Armenians in Constantinople were rounded up and killed in the streets and in their homes by the Young Turk government of the Ottoman Empire; and

WHEREAS, from 1915 to 1923 nearly one and a half million Armenian men, women, and children out of a total of two and a half million Armenians in the Ottoman Empire were systematically sent to concentration camps, tortured and murdered by the Turks; and

WHEREAS, the United States was the first country to recognize the Armenian Genocide and raise millions of dollars to aid the victims of the Genocide; and

WHEREAS, most Armenians in the United States are children or grandchildren of the survivors of the Armenian Genocide; and

WHEREAS, by remembering and forcefully condemning the atrocities committed against the Armenians and honoring the survivors, as well as other victims of similar heinous conduct, we guard against repetition of such acts of genocide; and

WHEREAS, April 24 is the date on which Armenians around the world commemorate the Genocide in recognition of the day in 1915 when over five thousand Armenians were killed in Constantinople by the Turkish Ottoman Empire:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby declare April 24th to be a "Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Missourians be encouraged to observe the day in a manner that honors the survivors and brings to mind the meaning and historical significance of the Armenian Genocide

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, American Sign Language (ASL) has been appropriately recognized by the Missouri General Assembly as "a fully developed, autonomous, unique, visual-gestural language with its own syntax, rhetoric, grammar and morphology" (Section 209.285, RSMo); and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 546,000 persons in Missouri who are deaf or hard of hearing, of whom approximately 10,000 have American Sign Language (ASL) as their first or native language; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri General Assembly truly values the socio, cultural, ethnic, and linguistic diversity of its citizenry:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby recognize American Sign Language as the first or native language of many of its deaf and hard of hearing citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby urge the Governor to establish by executive order an annual "Deaf Awareness Week" to be held in September of each year to coincide with the International Deaf Awareness Week, at which time the language, culture, and contributions of Missouri's deaf and hard of hearing citizens will be recognized; recognize the diversity of deaf and hard of hearing citizens, including both the oral deaf and the signing deaf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Governor Bob Holden.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked and destroyed four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, and a third into the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C., and a fourth into the ground in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, thousands of innocent Americans were killed or injured as a result of these attacks, including the passengers and crew of the four aircraft, workers in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon, rescue workers and bystanders; and

WHEREAS, these attacks destroyed both towers of the World Trade Center, as well as adjacent buildings and, by targeting symbols of American strength and success, clearly were intended to intimidate our Nation and weaken its resolve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, recommend that Congress condemn in the strongest possible terms the terrorists who planned and carried out the September 11, 2001, attacks against the United States, as well as their sponsors; that we extend our deepest condolences to the victims of these heinous and cowardly attacks, as well as to their families, friends and loved ones; that the people of Missouri will stand united as our Nation begins the process of recovering and rebuilding in the aftermath of these tragic acts; that we commend the heroic action of the rescue workers, volunteers, and State and local officials who responded to these tragic events with courage, determination, and skill; that we declare that these premeditated attacks struck not only at the people of America, but also at the symbols and structures of our economic and military strength, and that the United States is entitled to respond under international law; that we extend our thanks to those foreign leaders and individuals who have expressed solidarity with the United States in the aftermath of the attacks, and ask them to continue to stand with the United States in the war against international terrorism; that we commit to support increased resources in the war to eradicate terrorism; and that we support the determination of the President, in close consultation with Congress, to bring to justice and punish the perpetrators of these attacks as well as their sponsors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for members of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, the horrific terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and the subsequent anthrax outbreak have had a profound affect on federal and state governments and constituencies; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Missouri is aware that most public health departments do not have the financial resources to respond to an event of the magnitude of this disaster; and

WHEREAS, many state budgets are in a deficit situation, with cuts occurring in public health; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Missouri recognizes that the communication and coordination between federal, state, and local health departments and governments must be improved to provide preparation, response, and continuum of care when handling an emergency situation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby request the United States Congress and the Department of Health and Human Services to provide financial support for each state, particularly at the local health district level which would likely be the line of first response in the event of an act of bioterrorism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11**

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri borders 488 miles of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, many of Missouri's locks and dams are more than 60 years old and only 600 feet long, making them unable to accommodate modern barge tows of 1,200 feet long, nearly tripling locking times, and causing lengthy delays and ultimately increasing shipping costs; and

WHEREAS, the use of 1,200-foot locks has been proven nationwide as the best method of improving efficiency, reducing congestion, and modernizing the inland waterways; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the lock and dam system has spurred economic growth and a higher standard of living in the Mississippi and Illinois river basin, and today supplies more than 300 million tons of the nation's cargo, supporting more than 400,000 jobs, including 90,000 in manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, more than 60 percent of American agriculture exports, including corn, wheat, and soybeans, are shipped down the Mississippi and Illinois rivers on the way to foreign markets; and

WHEREAS, Missouri farmers, producers, and consumers rely on efficient transportation to remain competitive in a global economy, and efficiencies in river transport offset higher production costs compared to those incurred by foreign competitors; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Mississippi and Illinois lock and dam system saves our nation more than 1.5 billion dollars in higher transportation costs each year, and failing to construct 1,200-foot locks will cause farmers to use more expensive alternative modes of transportation, including trucks and trains; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Army Corps of Engineers, congestion along the Upper Mississippi and Illinois rivers is costing Missouri and other producers and consumers in the basin 98 million dollars a year in higher transportation costs; and

WHEREAS, river transportation is the most environmentally friendly form of transporting goods and commodities, creating almost no noise pollution and emitting 35 to 60 percent fewer pollutants than either trucks or trains according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, moving away from river transport would add millions of trucks and rail cars to our nation's infrastructure, adding air pollution, traffic congestion, and greater wear and tear on highways; and

WHEREAS, backwater lakes created by the lock and dam system provide breeding grounds for migratory waterfowl and fish; and

WHEREAS, the lakes and 500 miles of wildlife refuge also support a billion-dollar-a-year recreational industry, including hunting, fishing, and tourism jobs; and

WHEREAS, upgrading the system of locks and dams on the Upper Mississippi and Illinois rivers will provide 3,000 high-paying construction and related jobs over a 15 to 20 year period with health benefits which will benefit not only those directly employed, but the local health care systems and economies of the communities in which these individuals live and work; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, the State of Missouri shipped 18.8 million tons of commodities, including grain, coal, chemicals, aggregates, and other products; and

WHEREAS, 38.6 million tons of commodities, including grain, coal, chemicals, aggregates, and other products, were shipped to, from, and within Missouri by barge, representing 4.2 billion dollars in value; and

WHEREAS, shippers moving by barge in Missouri realized a savings of approximately \$380 million compared to other transportation modes; and

WHEREAS, Missouri docks shipped products by barge to 18 states and received products from 17 states; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Metropolitan St. Louis shipped and received 32.6 million tons of commodities in 1999 worth over 5 billion dollars and is the second busiest inland port in the United States, linking rural Missouri and St. Louis with world markets; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 183 manufacturing facilities, terminals, and docks on the waterways of Missouri, representing thousands of jobs in this state:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby recognize the importance of inland waterway transportation to Missouri agriculture and industry in the state, the region, and the nation, and urge the United States Congress to authorize funding to construct 1,200-foot locks on the Upper Mississippi and Illinois River System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Chair of the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the Chair

of the United States House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and each member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

WHEREAS, HR 3113, the TANF Reauthorization Act of 2001, was introduced in the United States House of Representatives on October 12, 2001, which would reform the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program to make it clear that the program's principal focus is the long-term reduction of poverty rather than a short-term immediate reduction in the welfare rolls; and

WHEREAS, HR 3113 would also make it clear that postsecondary education is a work activity under the TANF program by providing access to postsecondary education for TANF recipients as a permissible work activity; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, education has always been a route to economic self-sufficiency and social mobility; and

WHEREAS, in the twenty-first century, at least one year of postsecondary education will become increasingly more essential for all workers; and

WHEREAS, TANF does not currently extend our nation's commitment to educational opportunity to persons living in poverty with their children, but who are ready, willing, and able to benefit from postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, data from several studies has demonstrated that the additional earning capacity that a postsecondary education provides can make the difference between economic self-sufficiency and continued poverty for many TANF recipients; and

WHEREAS, among families headed by African American, Latino, and Caucasian women, the poverty rate declines from fifty-one, forty-one, and twenty-two percent to twenty-one, eighteen and one-half, and thirteen percent, respectively, with at least one year of postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, further data has found that postsecondary education not only increases incomes, it also improves self-esteem, increases children's education ambitions, including aspiring to enter postsecondary education themselves, and has a dramatic impact on quality of life; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever TANF recipients need postsecondary education to obtain the knowledge and skills required to compete for jobs and enable them to lift themselves and their children out of poverty in the long-term; and

WHEREAS, without some postsecondary education, most women who leave welfare for employment will earn wages that place them far below the federal poverty level, even after five years of employment; and

WHEREAS, allowing TANF recipients to attend postsecondary education, even for a short time, will improve their earning potential significantly, with the average person who attends a

community college, even without graduating, earning approximately ten percent more than those persons who do not attend postsecondary education at all; and

WHEREAS, women who receive TANF assistance clearly appreciate the importance and role of postsecondary education in moving them out of poverty to long-term economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, as of November 1999, at least nineteen states had considered or enacted strategies to support recipient's efforts to achieve long-term economic self-sufficiency through the pursuit of postsecondary education:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, support HR 3113, the TANF Reauthorization Act of 2001; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly urges Missouri's Congressional delegation to support the passage of HR 3113, the TANF Reauthorization Act of 2001; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and each member of Missouri's Congressional delegation.

**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15**

WHEREAS, following the recent collapse of Enron, many people believe it is time to revise corporate governance policies and focus on employer practices with company stock in their retirement plans; and

WHEREAS, currently many employees are required to invest in their company's defined contribution retirement savings program, without the option of receiving benefits in any form other than the company's stock; and

WHEREAS, the lack of diversification in employee retirement savings programs leaves many employees extremely vulnerable, as evidenced by the many Enron employees with only company stock in their retirement savings plan, resulting in a complete loss all of their retirement savings following the collapse of Enron; and

WHEREAS, unless tougher corporate governance policies are put in place soon, many other companies may experience a similar devaluation of their assets in the current falling economy; and

WHEREAS, the "Employee Retirement Savings Bill of Rights", H.R. 3669, has been introduced in the 107th Congress and would allow workers to transfer matching employer contributions from company stock and to pay for retirement advice and counseling on a pretax basis through payroll deduction; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3669 amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to:

(1) Impose an excise tax on a pension plan failing to provide notice of generally accepted investment principles, including principles of risk management and diversification;

(2) Impose an excise tax on a pension plan failing to provide notice of any transaction restriction period to each applicable individual to whom the transaction restriction period applies; and

(3) Set forth diversification requirements for plans, including requiring the provision of at least three investment options, other than employer securities, in amounts equivalent to the amounts invested in employer securities:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, urge Congress to enact H.R. 3669, the "Employee Retirement Savings Bill of Rights" which amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to empower employees to control their retirement savings accounts through new diversification rights, new disclosure requirements, and new tax incentives for retirement education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

An act by concurrent resolution and pursuant to Title 40, Section 187, United States Code, to request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of a statue in the Statuary Hall of the Capitol of the United States.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, 40 U.S.C. Section 187a permits a state to ask the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress for replacement of a statue it provided for display in the National Statuary Hall in the Capitol of the United States after the passage of the required display time period specified in 40 U.S.C. Section 187a; and

WHEREAS, that request must be made by a resolution adopted by the legislature of the state and approved by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, in 1895, the Missouri General Assembly authorized placement of statues of Thomas Hart Benton and Francis Preston Blair in Statuary Hall, which statues were placed there in 1899; and

WHEREAS, Francis Preston Blair was an outstanding Missourian, a member of Congress, a major general in the United States Army during the Civil War, and a candidate for Vice President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Harry S Truman was the most important statesman Missouri ever gave the nation, an outstanding county official, United States Senator, Vice President and President of the United States who brought the Second World War to completion, led the free world at the beginning of the Cold War, and stood for fairness and opportunity for all Americans:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby request approval from the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to replace the statue of Francis Preston Blair with a statue of Harry S Truman as one of the two statues Missouri is entitled to display in the Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Missouri General Assembly requests the Statue of Francis Preston Blair be returned to the State of Missouri as permitted under 40 U.S.C. Section 187a(d); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his approval or rejection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval by the Governor, the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress in care of the chair of the committee and to each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

Approved July 12, 2002

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

WHEREAS, recent legislative hearings have brought to light serious problems in the ability of young adults to understand and evaluate consumer credit issues, such as credit cards and payday loans; and

WHEREAS, mistakes with financial well-being made in early adulthood can imperil a young adult's credit rating and affect his or her ability to be a productive member of society; and

WHEREAS, the ability to evaluate the soundness and advisability of using particular consumer credit programs is a crucial life skill; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri assessment program communications, mathematics, and social studies assessments for middle school and high school students offer a unique opportunity to gauge the extent of young people's understanding of these issues; and

WHEREAS, the first goal of the Show-Me Standards includes elements such as evaluating information and ideas, and applying acquired information to different contexts as students, workers, citizens, and consumers; and

WHEREAS, in some disciplines, such as consumer and family sciences and business education, extensive work has already been done to chart skills such as comparing various aspects of consumer credit against not only the Show-Me Standards but also national standards and tests; and

WHEREAS, dictating the content of courses by state statute may not always be good public policy, but making known legislative priorities so that existing programs may accommodate those priorities is an obligation of the General Assembly:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education should:

1) Impanel a group or groups of teachers to determine if consumer credit issues can be addressed in the framework of the Show-Me Standards and, if so, determine what type of questions, including the possibility of performance events, would be appropriate for inclusion in the statewide assessments, as well as addressing the optimum grade level for inclusion, whether middle or high school, or both;

2) If the teacher panels respond favorably to the inclusion of consumer credit questions, determine if and how the assessment instruments can be kept comparable with previous years' instruments as they are rewritten in the ordinary course of test development to incorporate consumer credit elements;

3) Determine what steps would be necessary to track and report statewide average performance on those elements concerning consumer credit issues and advise if it is possible or advisable;

4) Encourage organizations that represent individual curriculum areas, such as communications, mathematics, and social studies, to incorporate analysis of consumer credit issues where appropriate; and

5) Identify and publicize methods besides statewide assessments that could help students and teachers incorporate consumer credit issues in teaching and learning, including professional development opportunities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Commissioner of Education.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

WHEREAS, an area in eastern mid-Missouri has historically and informally been known as the "Arcadia Valley":

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, that the area in the State west of Highway 67, east of Highway 49, south of Highway 32, and north of Highway 72 shall be formally designated as the "Arcadia Valley".

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

WHEREAS, members of the National Guard as active duty military service members serve our nation at the call of the President of the United States in time of national emergency and in homeland defense initiatives; and

WHEREAS, members of the National Guard take an oath and serve at the call of the President and the Governors in times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, retired National Guard members with a minimum of 20 years of service receive entitlements similar to those of active duty military retiree's, including monthly retirement checks, prescription medical services, and access to worldwide space-available military travel; and

WHEREAS, members of the National Guard are compensated and receive base pay and allowances funded by the United States Department of Defense based on the same compensation programs as active duty military personnel; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the extended service provided by members of the Missouri National Guard in support of the nation in times of national emergency, retired members with a minimum of 20 years of service with the National Guard should receive the same United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) entitlements as an active duty military retiree, including access to Missouri state veterans homes and veterans administration hospitals and USDVA prescription medical benefits:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to amend their current policies and rules to provide reimbursement to the State of Missouri for National Guard member-related costs for stays in Missouri state veterans homes, and to allow National Guard veterans with a minimum of 20 years of service to participate in the per diem program and receive treatment and service at United States Department of Veterans Affairs veterans hospitals and receive prescription medical benefits in the same manner as active duty military veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

Relating to approval of a project for an agricultural research and demonstration project and related buildings and facilities for the Springfield campus of Southwest Missouri State University funded in part by revenue bonds secured by a pledge of future appropriations of the General Assembly.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, Section 21.527, RSMo, requires approval of the General Assembly that certain projects to be funded by revenue bonds shall be secured by a pledge of future appropriations to be made by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is desirous of approving a project for an agricultural research and demonstration center project and related building and facilities for the Springfield campus of Southwest Missouri State University to be funded in part by revenue bonds secured by a pledge of future appropriations to be made by the General Assembly; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby approve the following:

(1) An agricultural research and demonstration center project and related building and facilities for the Springfield campus of Southwest Missouri State University;

(2) A total estimated project cost, including furnishings and equipment, of \$6,950,000;

(3) A maximum project cost of \$2,604,360, the State's Share, to be funded by revenue bonds secured by a pledge of future appropriations to be made by the General Assembly;

(4) The issuance of revenue bonds in an amount sufficient to pay the State's Share of the project cost, plus debt service reserve, capitalized interests and costs of issuance, to be payable over a term not to exceed twenty years; and

(5) The remainder of the project cost to be funded by contributions and other funds to be provided by Southwest Missouri State University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the General Assembly state the intent of the General Assembly, during each fiscal year of the state during the term of such revenue bonds, to appropriate funds sufficient to pay the debt service on such revenue bonds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the General Assembly authorize and direct the Office of Administration and such other state departments, offices, and agencies as the Office of Administration may deem necessary or appropriate to:

(1) Assist the staff and advisors of Southwest Missouri State University in implementing the project and in issuing such revenue bonds for the State's Share of the project cost; and

(2) Execute and deliver documents and certificates related to the revenue bonds consistent with the terms of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

Approved July 12, 2002

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

Relating to the creation of the Missouri Commission on the Delta Regional Authority.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the President and United States Congress have created the Delta Regional Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Regional Authority would bring the resources of a Federal-State partnership to the region for economic growth and provide funding for infrastructure and economic development needed to make prosperity possible in the Delta; and

WHEREAS, the federally designated Authority covers 29 counties in the Southeastern and South Central State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the affected counties in Missouri desire to participate with the Delta Regional Authority in any policy development and programs for the region:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby authorize the creation of the "Missouri Commission on the Delta Region Authority"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Missouri Commission on the Delta Region Authority shall make recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor regarding the Delta Region Authority. Such recommendations may cover principles and procedures for policy development; development of a state plan; prioritization of funding with consideration to poverty, joblessness, lack of job availability, literacy rates, and level of education; and economic and infrastructure development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Missouri Commission on the Delta Region Authority may accept general revenue funds and other funds as may be appropriated to it; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Missouri Commission on the Delta Region Authority shall be composed of:

(1) Five regional planning commission members or executive directors, one from each of the regional planning commissions serving the area, appointed by the governor;

(2) Three members of the public appointed by the governor, with one member representing the interests of agriculture, one member representing business and industry, and one member representing education;

(3) Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker, representing the counties in the region;

(4) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate, representing the counties in the region; and

(5) The Directors of the Departments of Economic Development, Transportation, and Agriculture; the Commissioner of Education; and the Commissioner of Higher Education as ex officio members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

Approved July 12, 2002
