

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 [HCR 1]

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session of the State of Missouri, the Senate concurring therein, that the House of Representatives and the Senate convene in Joint Session in the Hall of the House of Representatives at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 11, 2006, to receive a message from His Excellency, the Honorable Matt Blunt, Governor of the State of Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a committee of ten (10) from the House be appointed by the Speaker to act with a committee of ten (10) from the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tem, to wait upon the Governor of the State of Missouri and inform His Excellency that the House of Representatives and Senate of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, are now organized and ready for business and to receive any message or communication that His Excellency may desire to submit, and that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to inform the Senate of the adoption of this resolution.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 [HCR 2]

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session of the State of Missouri, the Senate concurring therein, that the House of Representatives and the Senate convene in Joint Session in the Hall of the House of Representatives at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 25, 2006, to receive a message from His Honor Chief Justice Michael A. Wolff, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a committee of ten (10) from the House be appointed by the Speaker to act with a committee of ten (10) from the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tem, to wait upon the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Missouri and inform His Honor that the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, are now organized and ready for business and to receive any message or communication that His Honor may desire to submit, and that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to inform the Senate of the adoption of this resolution.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3 [HCR 3]

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session of the State of Missouri, the Senate concurring therein, that the House of Representatives and the Senate convene in Joint Session in the Hall of the House of Representatives at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2006, to receive a message from Pete K. Rahn, Director of the Missouri Department of Transportation; and that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to inform the Senate of the adoption of this resolution.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 [HCR 12]

Relating to the designation of hepatitis C awareness day in Missouri.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

WHEREAS, five million Americans have been infected with the Hepatitis C virus (HCV) according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which contributes to approximately 8,000 to 10,000 deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 130,000 Missourians are infected with HCV. Such number does not include incarcerated persons, homeless persons, hospitalized persons, active duty military personnel, nursing home residents, and illegal immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that HCV is associated with end stage liver disease and is the most frequent indication for liver transplantation among adults in the United States; and

WHEREAS, HCV is spread five times more often than HIV, with many persons infected with HCV unaware because HCV is asymptomatic until advanced liver damage develops; and

WHEREAS, each year 1% to 4% of persons infected with HCV will develop liver cancer. As the only cancer on the rise, the incidence of liver cancer has more than doubled and is expected to more than double again in the next decade; and

WHEREAS, the HCV epidemic is expected to result in 3.1 million years of life lost by 2019 and, if left unchecked, the estimated costs to the United States to treat HCV will exceed \$85 billion for the years 2010 to 2019; and

WHEREAS, awareness of testing and counseling is critical to halting the spread of blood-borne pathogens:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby designate the tenth day of May each year as "Hepatitis C Awareness Day" in Missouri and recommend to the people of Missouri that the day be appropriately observed through activities which will increase Hepatitis C awareness, education, tolerance, and understanding; and

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

Approved June 29, 2006
