

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2000, under Public Law 106-387, an exemption was made to allow food and medicine sales to Cuba, which was the first time since sanctions against Cuba were imposed in 1962; and

WHEREAS, the state of Pennsylvania has established a sister-state relationship with a Cuban province; and

WHEREAS, cities within the states of Indiana, Wisconsin, Alabama, California, Pennsylvania and Washington have established sister-city relationships with Cuban cities; and

WHEREAS, Cuba invites the state of Missouri to establish a sister-state relationship with the Province of Villa Clara to foster mutual friendship, peace and economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, both the state of Missouri and the Province of Villa Clara possess rich cultural histories, the sharing of which will be mutually beneficial; and

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri is a national leader in the fields of agriculture, medicine and research, and is therefore in a unique position to provide humanitarian assistance to our Caribbean neighbor as well as developing an expansive market for Missouri's agriculture and medical products:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Senate of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby extend to the officials of the Province of Villa Clara their sincere invitation to join with the state of Missouri in a meaningful sister-state relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor of the state of Missouri is requested to implement procedures to effectuate the development of a sister-state relationship with the Province of Villa Clara; 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 the state of Missouri and the Government Officials of the Province of Villa Clara.