

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

WHEREAS, Chamois, Missouri, is a community located along the Missouri River in northern Osage County which has no means to cross the river except by way of bridges located approximately 45 miles to the west and 30 miles to the east; and

WHEREAS, the people who live in Chamois incur increasingly high costs using present routes in order to reach destinations on the north side of the Missouri River for employment, recreation, and business; and

WHEREAS, people who live on the north side of the Missouri River are equally restricted from accessing destinations on the south side of the Missouri River, respectively; and

WHEREAS, locating a ferryboat on the Missouri River at Chamois would allow residents on both sides to cross the River, reducing travel times and travel costs, provide a safer route, and conserve fuel; and

WHEREAS, locating a ferryboat at Chamois would establish the only reported ferry on the Missouri River and would thereby promote tourism on both sides of the River by attracting more visitors to the area and creating a driving destination for tourists visiting such communities as Hermann, Fulton, and Jefferson City; and

WHEREAS, locating a ferryboat at Chamois would likewise give residents on the south side of the River access to the Katy Trail located on the north side of the River; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations have endorsed the ferryboat at Chamois, including but not limited to the Hermann Area Chamber of Commerce, the Fulton Area Chamber of Commerce, the county commissions for Osage and Callaway counties, the City of Mokane, the City of Chamois, and the Missouri Division of Tourism; and

WHEREAS, the promoters of the ferryboat at Chamois have requested federal and state funding for the project:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby express support for the Chamois ferryboat and urge the Missouri Department of Economic Development and the Missouri Department of Transportation, along with other state agencies and the Missouri Congressional Delegation, to assist in securing moneys for locating and construction of the ferryboat; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Governor Matt Blunt, Gregory A. Steinhoff, the Director of the Department of Economic Development, Peter Rahn, the Director of the Missouri Department of Transportation, and each member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.