

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1591

Whereas, the members of the Missouri Senate feel it is altogether right and proper to pause from time to time to recognize milestones in the legislative history of this great country; and

Whereas, the members now pause to observe the fiftieth anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, an Act passed by a unanimous vote in the United States Senate and signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on October 2, 1968; and

Whereas, in the Act, Congress sought to protect outstanding rivers that “shall be preserved in freeflowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations”; and

Whereas, to implement this objective, the Act created the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, providing for the designation of wild and scenic rivers; and

Whereas, the Act defines wild and scenic rivers as “certain selected rivers of the Nation which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geological, fish and wildlife, historical, cultural, or other similar values”; and

Whereas, the Eleven Point River in Missouri was one of the eight rivers designated by the original Act in 1968; and

Whereas, in 2018, forty-four miles of the Eleven Point River were included in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, providing Missourians with a high quality recreational opportunity and natural resource; and

Whereas, the Eleven Point Wild and Scenic River is administered by the United States Forest Service, with the cooperation and assistance of state and local governments, private groups, and land owners, which have done an outstanding job of protecting the river for the past fifty years; and

Whereas, public awareness of the importance of wild and scenic rivers must be raised and public and private cooperation encouraged to promote the continued protection of these precious river values; and

Whereas, tourism on the Eleven Point River supports many local businesses, including canoe rental liveries, fishing guide services, rental cabins, and restaurants:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, hereby recognize the fiftieth anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and encourage citizens to protect our state’s river resources; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Department of Natural Resources.