

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 12**
100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

2 **WHEREAS**, on April 19, 1775, the Continental Army engaged in the first battles of the
3 Revolutionary War, known as the Battles of Lexington and Concord. The battles marked the
4 outbreak of open armed conflict between the Kingdom of Great Britain and thirteen of its
5 colonies on the mainland of British America to establish American independence; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the first Militia units, transforming into today's National Guard, were
7 established in the Massachusetts Bay Colonies on December 13, 1636, armed to protect
8 American citizens; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, between 1775 and today over 41 million Americans have served in the
11 Armed Forces of the United States, in addition to countless Militiamen between 1636 and 1775;
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14 **WHEREAS**, the United States has suffered casualties of over 1.4 million men and
15 women, including scores of Missouri citizens, who have made the ultimate sacrifice defending
16 democracy and freedom; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the families who have lost immediate relatives in the support of military
19 operations, known as Gold Star Families, are also tragedies of war and armed conflict; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, the people of Missouri wish to properly honor our military men and women
22 who gave their lives in the service of our country, and thank their families for their sacrifice and
23 bravery, recognizing that no one has given more for the nation than the families of the fallen; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, war memorials perpetuate the appreciation and legacy of our fallen hero
26 warriors and their families present and past and educate communities about the price paid for our
27 way of life; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument is to honor
30 Gold Star families, relatives, and Gold Star children who have sacrificed and lost loved ones in
31 the service of their country, and who stand as a stark reminder that freedom is not free; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to honor the fallen warriors and their families from the
34 state of Missouri by recognizing the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, which has been
35 constructed and dedicated on the College of the Ozarks campus, as an official Gold Star Families
36 Memorial Monument of the state of Missouri:

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38 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Missouri Senate,
39 One-hundredth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives
40 concurring therein, hereby recognize the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, at the College
41 of the Ozarks campus in Point Lookout, Missouri, as an official Gold Star Families Memorial
42 Monument of Missouri; and

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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri Department of Transportation is
45 urged to prepare and establish appropriate highway signage to recognize the location and
46 direction to the Missouri Gold Star Families Memorial Monument and the Missouri Vietnam
47 Veterans Memorial; such highway signage and any additional signs shall be paid for by the
48 College of the Ozarks; and

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50 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed
51 to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the president of the College of the
52 Ozarks, the Veterans and Military Coalition of the Ozarks in Branson, Missouri, and the
53 Missouri Department of Transportation.

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