

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Relating to the replacement of a statue in the Statuary Hall of the Capitol of the United States.

Whereas, 40 U.S.C. Section 187 permits a state to ask the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress for replacement of a statue it provided for display in the National Statuary Hall in the Capitol of the United States after the passage of the required display time period specified in 40 U.S.C. Section 187a; and

Whereas, that request must be made by a resolution adopted by the legislature of the state and approved by the Governor; and

Whereas, in 1895, the Missouri General Assembly authorized placement of statues of Thomas Hart Benton and Francis Preston Blair in Statuary Hall, which statues were placed there in 1899; and

Whereas, Thomas Hart Benton was a five-term United States Senator from Missouri and was an architect and champion of westward expansion by the United States; and

Whereas, Harry S Truman was the most important statesman Missouri ever gave the nation, an outstanding county official, United States Senator, Vice President and President of the United States who brought the Second World War to completion, led the free world at the beginning of the Cold War, and stood for fairness and opportunity for all Americans:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the members of the Missouri Senate, One-hundredth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby request approval from the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to replace the statue of Thomas Hart Benton with a statue of Harry S Truman as one of the two statues Missouri is entitled to display in the Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Missouri General Assembly requests the Statue of Thomas Hart Benton be returned to the State of Missouri as permitted under 40 U.S.C. Section 187a(d); and

Be It Further Resolved that Secretary of the Senate be instructed to send copies of this resolution for the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress in care of the chair of the committee and to each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to send a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to the Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.