

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

Relating to the official professional football team of the state of Missouri.

Whereas, the Missouri General Assembly and Governor Parson, acting with the best of intentions with the knowledge possessed at the time, designated the Kansas City Chiefs as the official NFL football team of the state of Missouri; and

Whereas, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4, as amended, was passed by the One-hundredth General Assembly of the State of Missouri in 2019, and signed by Governor Parson on July 9, 2019; and

Whereas, based on recent events, it has become clear that the will of the people of the state of Missouri has changed with regard to the designation of the Kansas City Chiefs as the official NFL football team of this state; and

Whereas, the Kansas City Chiefs football organization has indicated that, despite years of fan support and financial support from the citizens of this state, the team wants to relocate the team to the state of Kansas; and

Whereas, the state of Missouri created business friendly conditions to demonstrate its desire for the Chiefs to stay in the state of Missouri, while the state of Kansas enticed the Chiefs with an extravagant set of financial incentives that will cost the taxpayers of the state of Kansas dearly over the coming years; and

Whereas, it is nonsensical to designate a team that will no longer reside in this state as the official NFL football team of this state; and

Whereas, the St. Louis Battlehawks are a professional football team in the United Football League; and

Whereas, the Battlehawks have been a beacon of professionalism and a source of pride for the state of Missouri; and

Whereas, it is proper for the state of Missouri recognize the achievements of the Battlehawks, including their passionate fans who understand that Kaw is Law as they cry out "Ka-Kaw" to support their team:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Missouri General Assembly hereby repeals, rescinds, cancels, and renders null and void in all respects the designation of the Kansas City Chiefs as the official NFL football team of the state of Missouri; and

Be It Further Resolved that the General Assembly hereby designates the St. Louis Battlehawks as the official professional football team of the state of Missouri; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri 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.