

House Concurrent Resolution No. 17

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, the citizens of Missouri have always taken great pride in the bountiful natural
2 forest resources found in the Mark Twain National Forest, and have actively promoted responsible
3 stewardship of these God-given assets for use by present and future generations; and
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5 **Whereas**, the Mark Twain National Forest recently proposed one hundred thousand acres
6 of the forest as a special management area for the Indiana bat; and
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8 **Whereas**, the stakeholders have had little opportunity to understand or participate in
9 developing the proposal; and
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11 **Whereas**, the proposal does not reflect a decision based on scientific evidence; and
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13 **Whereas**, such proposal may have serious social, economic and biological impacts on the
14 region's economy, people, fauna and flora:
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16 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
17 Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring
18 therein, hereby urge Forest Supervisor Randy Moore to withdraw the current proposal, reissue a revised
19 proposal with sufficient details so interested stakeholders can provide meaningful responses and reflect
20 stakeholder input in the final decision; and
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22 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
23 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Forest Supervisor
24 Randy Moore and Regional Forester Bob Jacobs as an indication of our great concern for the limited
25 stakeholder involvement and the lack of sensitivity by the Forest Service towards the potential impacts
26 from setting aside one hundred thousand acres of national forest for the Indiana bat.