

House Concurrent Resolution No. 28

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, President Bush's initiative to create a new White House Office of Faith-based
2 and Community Initiatives will allow community and faith-based organizations to play a critical role in
3 helping and providing services in our nation's poorest and most at-risk communities; and
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5 **Whereas**, the President's initiative establishes an important principle that government can
6 play a partnership role in helping our state and nation become a more civil society, but it does not have
7 to be the only partner; and
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9 **Whereas**, the state of Missouri enjoys a long history of community outreach by churches,
10 synagogues, and various faith-based and community-based groups that answer the call and provide
11 effective aid to persons in crisis; and
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13 **Whereas**, many faith-based and community-based groups have demonstrated impressive
14 results by creating an environment where people in crisis can have their lives restored through moral
15 challenge and spiritual renewal; and
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17 **Whereas**, the President's proposal gives the state of Missouri the opportunity to more
18 efficiently coordinate the efforts of faith-based and community-based groups, and address the needs and
19 improve the lives of people in this state who are in crisis; and
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21 **Whereas**, the appointment of a liaison for the state of Missouri to receive and distribute
22 information regarding federal and state faith-based and community-based initiatives, and the
23 establishment of a task force to develop goals and objectives to guide the implementation and
24 improvement of federal and state faith-based and community-based initiatives is an important step in
25 fulfilling the goal of faith-based and community-based initiatives:
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27 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** by the members of the House of Representatives
28 of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, that an
29 "Office of the Faith-based and Community-based Initiatives Liaison" be established within state
30 government and the governor shall appoint a current employee of the state to serve as the liaison between
31 the state of Missouri and the federal government for receipt and distribution of information regarding
32 any federal or state faith-based and community-based initiatives; and
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34 **Be it further resolved** by the members of the General Assembly that a "Task Force
35 on Faith-based and Community-based Initiatives" be established within state government to develop
36 goals and objectives to guide the implementation and improvement of federal and state faith-based and
37 community-based initiatives. The task force shall develop a comprehensive plan of action with strategies
38 for increasing faith-based and community-based initiative opportunities in the state. The task force shall
39 be comprised of twenty-one members as follows:

- 40 (1) Seven members appointed by the governor;
41 (2) Seven members appointed by the president pro tem of the senate, at least two of which shall
42 be members of the Missouri senate, one from each political party; and
43 (3) Seven members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, at least two of
44 which shall be members of the Missouri house of representatives, one from each political party.

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46 All members of the task force who are not members of the general assembly shall be leaders in faith and
47 of community groups from around the state. The task force shall meet at least quarterly, and shall submit
48 its recommendations to the office of the faith-based and community-based initiatives liaison, the
49 governor and the general assembly by July first of each year. Members of the task force shall receive no
50 additional compensation but shall be eligible for reimbursement for expenses directly related to the
51 performance of task force duties; and
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53 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
54 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Governor Bob
55 Holden.