

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 16

## 91<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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An act by concurrent resolution and pursuant to Title 40, Section 187, United States Code, to request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of a statue in the Statuary Hall of the Capitol of the United States.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

**Whereas**, 40 U.S.C. Section 187 permits a state to ask the Joint Committee on the  
2 Library of Congress for replacement of a statue it provided for display in the National Statuary  
3 Hall in the Capitol of the United States after the passage of the required display time period  
4 specified in 40 U.S.C. Section 187a; and  
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**Whereas**, that request must be made by a resolution adopted by the legislature of the state  
6 and approved by the Governor; and  
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**Whereas**, in 1895, the Missouri General Assembly authorized placement of statues of  
9 Thomas Hart Benton and Francis Preston Blair in Statuary Hall, which statues were placed there in 1899;  
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**Whereas**, Francis Preston Blair was an outstanding Missourian, a member of Congress,  
13 a major general in the United States Army during the Civil War, and a candidate for Vice President of  
14 the United States; and  
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17           **Whereas**, Harry S Truman was the most important statesman Missouri ever gave the  
18 nation, an outstanding county official, United States Senator, Vice President and President of the United  
19 States who brought the Second World War to completion, led the free world at the beginning of the Cold  
20 War, and stood for fairness and opportunity for all Americans:  
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22           **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
23 Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring  
24 therein, hereby request approval from the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to replace the  
25 statue of Francis Preston Blair with a statue of Harry S Truman as one of the two statues Missouri is  
26 entitled to display in the Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol; and  
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28           **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri General Assembly requests the Statue of  
29 Francis Preston Blair be returned to the State of Missouri as permitted under 40 U.S.C. Section 187a(d);  
30 and  
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32           **Be it further resolved** that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his approval  
33 or rejection; and  
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35           **Be it further resolved** that upon approval by the Governor, the Chief Clerk of the  
36 Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution  
37 for the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress in care of the chair of the committee and to each  
38 member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.