

House Concurrent Resolution No. 32

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Whereas, antibiotics have saved lives for more than 50 years; and

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Whereas, antibiotics are an important weapon against infectious bacterial diseases
that harm children, senior citizens, and persons of all ages and walks of life; and

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Whereas, antibiotic overuse has lead to antibiotic resistance that is destroying
antibiotic effectiveness, turning illnesses once easily treated into life threatening infections; and

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Whereas, the bacterium that is the leading cause of pneumonia, which can also
cause meningitis and many ear infections, has developed resistance to penicillin in many cases;
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Whereas, bacteria continue to develop resistance to penicillin and other classes of
antibiotics at an alarming pace; and

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Whereas, the American Society of Microbiology (ASM) presented in the Findings
and Conclusions of the Report of the ASM Task Force on Antibiotic Resistance that treating
antibiotic resistance in people costs Americans more than 4 billion dollars annually; and

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Whereas, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the
American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Annals of Internal Medicine have published
recommendations for health care professionals regarding best practices for the judicious use of
antibiotics, and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is engaged in an effort
to track antibiotic resistance and encourage appropriate antibiotic use:

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26 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
27 Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
28 concurring therein, hereby endorse the recommendations of the federal Centers for Disease
29 Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics, urge health care professionals
30 in Missouri to adopt the recommendations in their practice and formularies, urge the citizens of
31 the State of Missouri to talk with their health care practitioners about wise antibiotic use, and
32 encourage the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to continue its effort to
33 educate the citizens of the State of Missouri and health care providers about the appropriate use
34 of antibiotics; and
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36 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
37 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
38 Director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.