

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their own legislative endeavors in order to reflect upon the actions of their counterparts in the great state of Texas; and

Whereas, after recent elections left the Texas House of Representatives in Republican hands for the first time in one hundred thirty years, Texas Democratic House members noticed that they may be a minority party now, but they still could influence the pace and scope of legislative debate through the requirement of a one-hundred-person quorum for official business; and

Whereas, in the one-hundred-fifty-member Texas House of Representatives, Democrats currently hold sixty-two seats; and

Whereas, with the requirement for one hundred members to be present to conduct the constitutional duties and responsibilities of the Texas House of Representatives, Democratic members determined that their presence was absolutely necessary to avoid a halt in proceedings; and

Whereas, feeling less than full-fledged members of the legislative process in the debate on vital issues concerning redistricting, education, and healthcare, Democrats in the Texas House of Representatives decided to boycott en masse and left the state; and

Whereas, Democratic members of the Texas House of Representatives were last seen in small groups at Holiday Inns and Denny's Restaurants located throughout Oklahoma and continue to debate and fight for the interests of their constituents:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join to acknowledge the courageous stance of Texas Democrats holding elective office in the House of Representatives and to convey to them that this legislative body recognizes their bold efforts to fight for their constituents, their principles, and for fair treatment in legislative deliberations and our best wishes for success now and in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Democratic members of the Texas House of Representatives.

Offered by _____
 Representative Mark Abel
 District No. 103

Joined by all members of the Democratic Caucus

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker