

House Resolution No. 3971

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State government organizations that have proven down through the years to be exemplary components of local communities and regions through the excellence of their historic, educational, and recreational aspects; and

Whereas, Washington State Park was founded in December 1932 when its original 400 acres were acquired by the state as a gift from A.P. Greensfelder; and

Whereas, Washington State Park has now reached the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of its establishment and has grown to 2,147 acres in size with fifty-one campground sites, eleven rental cabins, three open shelters, six picnic areas, fourteen miles of hiking trails, a modern swimming pool, watercraft rentals, and a park store; and

Whereas, the park store is located in Thunderbird Lodge, which was constructed by African American members of Civilian Conservation Corps Company #1743 between 1934 and 1939 along with numerous stone retaining walls, the 1000 Steps Trail, and other buildings and structures; and

Whereas, the Washington State Park Petroglyph Site was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places in 1970; its Civilian Conservation Corps Historic District was nominated to the Register in 1982; and its Upland Hardwoods Area was designated as a Missouri Natural Area in 1985; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of such outstanding Missouri treasures as Washington State Park:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Washington State Park and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the founding of their governmental entity; 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 Washington State Park.

Offered by _____
Representative Belinda Harris
District No. 110

Representative J.C. Kuessner
District No. 152

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3971, adopted August 26, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker