

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 39**
96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1635L.02C

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

2 **WHEREAS**, Grant's Farm is an extraordinary treasure for the entire state and is one of
3 the premiere attractions for visitors coming to St. Louis from across the country and the world;
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5 **WHEREAS**, Grant's Farm takes its name from our 18th President of the United States,
6 Ulysses S. Grant. In the 1850s, Grant founded and owned the 281 acres comprising Grant's
7 Farm; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, Grant's Farm averages over 550,000 visitors per year over the last six years
10 and is a vital economic engine in St. Louis County; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, Grant's Farm, operated by Anheuser-Busch, Inc., has been a St. Louis
13 tradition for more than five decades, employing more than 200 people and has welcomed more
14 than 24 million visitors during its history; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, Grant's Farm is home to more than 900 animals representing more than 100
17 different species, including a zoo with more than 400 animals; and

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 **WHEREAS**, in the U.S. Family Guide Zagat Survey of more than 11,000 avid travelers,
20 Grant's Farm ranked overall as the 7th best family attraction nationwide; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, some of Grant's Farm's attractions include:

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24 (1) Deer Park, home to a variety of exotic animal species from six of the seven
25 continents of the world and a variety of fish in the several beautiful lakes throughout Deer Park;

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27 (2) Tier Garten, which provides visitors with an up close look at an amazing variety of
28 animals and which includes an amphitheater featuring educational and entertaining animal
29 shows;

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31 (3) Grant's Cabin, built on 80 acres received by Ulysses S. Grant and his new bride in
32 1848 as a wedding gift. In 1855, Grant did much of the log sawing and construction himself,
33 completed the four-room, two-story cabin in just three days with the help of friends;

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35 (4) The Bauernhof, the first building constructed on the Busch family estate which today
36 is the home of the Busch family's world-renowned carriage collection and stables. Bauernhof
37 is German for "farmstead";

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39 (5) The Clydesdale Stables, home to one of the world's largest herd of Clydesdale horses
40 with approximately 25 Clydesdale mares, geldings, stallions and foals. Only the finest
41 Clydesdales from this stable become part of the Budweiser teams; and

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43 **WHEREAS**, more than twenty local organizations and political subdivisions in the St.
44 Louis County region have passed resolutions in support of incorporating Grant's Farm as a unit
45 of the National Park Service; and

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47 **WHEREAS**, to preserve this extraordinary treasure, Grant's Farm should be added as a
48 unit of the National Park Service by joining with the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site:

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50 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
51 Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
52 concurring therein, hereby strongly support the incorporation of, and urge the United States
53 Department of the Interior to incorporate, Grant's Farm as a unit of the National Park Service by
54 joining with the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site; and

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56 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
57 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
58 Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, and each member of the Missouri Congressional
59 Delegation.

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