

House Concurrent Resolution No. 46

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES NOLTE (Sponsor), PETERS-BAKER, McMANUS, SCHIEBER,
NANCE, BERRY, SWEARINGEN AND NETH (Co-sponsors).

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2 **WHEREAS**, a three-day event, FUTURALLIA, will take place from Wednesday, May
3 18, 2011, to Friday, May 20, 2011, at the Kansas City Convention Center; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, FUTURALLIA is a unique and globally recognized event which offers
5 small and medium size businesses from various industry sectors and business leaders to have
6 personalized, prescheduled, face-to-face meetings with partners of their choice; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, FUTURALLIA is a springboard toward making new international
9 partnerships, in addition to informal meetings in a professional and friendly environment; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, since the first FUTURALLIA event was held in 1990, the event is designed
12 for owners, directors, and managers of small and medium size businesses from all industry
13 sectors wishing to develop business partnerships; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, FUTURALLIA KC 2011 is the 16th edition of the event, and the first time
16 in 20 years that the event will be held in the United States; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, more than 92 delegation leaders from 38 countries will be participating,
19 with more than 800 entrepreneurs in attendance; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, as host of such a internationally recognized business event, Missouri will
22 be a showcase for business leaders and entrepreneurs involved in foreign trade; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, David Kerr, Director of the Department of Economic Development has
25 frequently discussed the importance of international trade for the economic future of the State
26 of Missouri; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, from its early trading post beginnings, Kansas City has grown to be a
29 metropolitan area of 2.2 million people and has maintained a reputation as a crossroads of
30 transportation and as an international trade hub; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, *Fortune* magazine ranks Kansas City as one of the 20 best cities in the
33 United States for international business; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, *Entrepreneur* magazine rates Kansas City as the No. 1 city in the Midwest
36 in which to start and grow a business and No. 11 nationally; and

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38 **WHEREAS**, Kansas City's economy is a nearly exact reflection of the United States
39 economy, with a diversity of industries that protect its employers and workforce from dramatic
40 peaks and valleys experienced in other markets; and

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42 **WHEREAS**, FUTURALLIA KC 2011 will allow the State of Missouri to become
43 recognized as a great place for foreign trade and international business:

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45 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
46 Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
47 concurring therein, hereby recognize Kansas City as host of FUTURALLIA KC 2011 and urge
48 the Department of Economic Development to take every advantage of this opportunity to
49 encourage participation and to showcase Missouri as an ideal location for foreign trade and
50 international business; and

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52 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
53 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for David
54 Kerr, Director of the Department of Economic Development.