

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

WHEREAS, America has a dark history of lynching African Americans; and

WHEREAS, lynchings were carried out without repercussions and were used to terrorize the black community; and

WHEREAS, recognizing moral shortcomings in our past is as important as celebrating past virtues to be able to fully understand our present; and

WHEREAS, for those affected by past violence, acknowledging the event is essential for the victims as well as for the perpetrators and bystanders to process it; and

WHEREAS, many communities in America where lynchings occurred have erected monuments recognizing the Civil War, the Confederacy, and white Southerners' violent retaking of local power after Reconstruction, and very few monuments or memorials address the history and legacy of lynching; and

WHEREAS, most victims of lynching have never been publicly acknowledged; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Justice Initiative's Historical Marker Project erects narrative markers in public locations describing the devastating violence that once took place in those locations and that is widely unknown today; and

WHEREAS, these markers invite the community in which they are placed to use truth to hear silenced voices and expose troubled histories; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Justice Initiative has documented sixty lynchings that occurred in Missouri; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, these lynchings were in the counties of Barry, Bates, Boone, Buchanan,
30 Butler, Callaway, Cape Girardeau, Clay, Clinton, Franklin, Greene, Howard, Jackson, Jasper,
31 Iron, Lafayette, Lawrence, Macon, Mississippi, New Madrid, Nodaway, Pemiscot, Pike,
32 Platte, Ralls, Randolph, Ray, Reynolds, Saline, Scott, St. Louis, and Wayne:

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34 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
35 Representatives of the One Hundred First General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the
36 Senate concurring therein, hereby urge the governing bodies of the counties named above to
37 partner with the Equal Justice Initiative to erect historical markers that memorialize
38 lynchings; and

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40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
41 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
42 governing body of each county named above and for the Equal Justice Initiative.

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