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History is what makes us, the good and the bad. We should do everything we can do as a state to preserve our local history, to honor our forefathers and our children. The fact that a couple is taking care of this park is a dark mark on Missouri. Please pass this bill to preserve our past and our future.



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I Not Totally Convinced About This Bill. Isn't This the Responsibility of Historic Groups, The Community and Private Organizations? Does This State Representative Even live in Jackson County or Does He Live in Saint Charles County??? The House Ethics Committee Shall Look Into State Constitution Violations! Just Saying!



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Our nations history has come under attack in recent years. It's important that we preserve significant historical site's to insure our children have the resources available to learn an accurate account of this great country's past. This would apply to state history as well. Every state has historical significance. Let's insure its preservation.



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Good morning, My name is Eric McNeal. I am a professional educator and historian with a background and degree in historic preservation and military history. In particular, I specialize in events surrounding the early years of our republic, in particular the American Civil War. I am also a living historian and Vice-President of the Missouri Civil War Reenactors Association. I am passionate about the preservation of our historic and cultural resources and wish to lend my voice in support of this legislation. Representative Sander contacted me about coming to lend my support to the bill on Friday - regrettably I did not check my voicemail until late last night or I would have found some way to be here in person. The following words will reflect my desire to see this legislation not only pass, but possibly serve as a springboard for other battlefield preservation efforts within the state. Missouri has a rich military history across a variety of historical eras, but its Civil War history is perhaps the most often overlooked. In a state which saw over one thousand individual engagements from skirmishes to full fledged battles, we have three state parks at Lexington, Pilot Knob, and Athens - and one National Park at Wilson's Creek - that commemorate this volatile time in Missouri and American History. According to an article published in the LA Times on 10 April 2011 at the beginning of the sesquicentennial commemorations of the war - 42% of all battles in 1861 took place on Missouri soil. Many of these battles were pivotal - their small casualty counts and engagement numbers masking outcomes that ultimately kept Missouri in Union hands. At the beginning of the war, Missouri had 200,000 men of military age - more than any other slave holding state except Virginia. With its abundance of natural resources and its pivotal position on the Mississippi River - whichever side gained the loyalty of the state stood to profit enormously. Even after securing Missouri politically, southern sympathizers and Confederate regulars spent numerous amounts of blood and treasure over the next three years attempting to reclaim the state in the name of the seceded south. Missouri's war was a personal one, a true civil war within a decidedly uncivil war - with neighbors and families split over the proper legal and moral course of action. The battlefield and cemetery at Lone Jack is a part of this story, and the Lone Jack Historical Society has gone through great efforts over the decades to preserve and educate the public about this event which occurred on 16 August 1862. But limited funds only allow for specific days of operation and seasonal openings. The battlefield, museum, and cemetery are a part of Lone Jack's legacy, but also the greater military and cultural legacy of Missouri. In this, we sadly lag behind other states. In 2003 I interned with the National Park Service at Appomattox Court House. During the times I was not involved with living history interpretation, research, and preservation efforts, I drove around the state - putting nearly 10,000 miles on my car in a ten week period. During that time, I passed numerous battlefields - many were National Parks - but many of the smaller battlefields were also under the care of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. Where land preservation was not possible, signs were everywhere. Events of national, state, county, and local borough significance were documented thoroughly on large white roadside signs with dates and relevant information. This

same situation is found in numerous other states, especially further east. Missouri's history is so rich with Native cultures, early French and Spanish settlement, and into the acquisition of the Louisiana territory that a program such as this could easily be undertaken - and that covers events before the American Civil War. Imagine the opportunities presented in over one thousand battles - in 114 counties of local history and oral tradition. In the historic site at Lone Jack, there is already a small grounds with monument markers, cemetery, and museum. It represents an opportunity for the state of Missouri preserve the historic resources that have been so wonderfully guarded and stewarded by the Lone Jack Historical Society. Its acquisition would allow, perhaps, for those resources to be augmented and made available to the public and to school groups far more frequently than what they are currently. In closing, I again offer my support to this bill. As a private citizen, historian and educator, I support any effort to make our history more accessible and relevant to the public. The legislation calling for the purchase of the Lone Jack Battlefield represents an opportunity for the State of Missouri to take ownership of its history and story. Not only do I support this, I hope that it could possibly be a precursor to the acquisition of future battle sites such as Belmont, Boonville, Dry Wood Creek, Fredericktown, Roan's Tan Yard, Glasgow, and others. Even if it should not, the acquisition would guarantee the further stewardship and care of an important state and community resource that would be available for viewing by future Missourians. That in itself, is worthy of support. Thank you for your time, Sincerely, Eric McNeal Boonville, Missouri



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The Battle of Lone Jack was fought on August 16, 1862, at the small village of Lone Jack in southeastern Jackson County, Missouri, between Union and Confederate forces. Although lasting only a few hours, the fighting was noted for its ferocity and heavy casualties. Of the 806 Federal troops engaged, more than 400 were killed, wounded, or missing with at least 160 buried in a mass grave after the battle. And some 110 Confederate casualties were buried in a mass grave next to the Federal troops. The Lone Jack Civil War Battlefield, Museum & Soldier's Cemetery is the only Civil War Museum in Jackson County, Missouri and one of the few battlefields where the soldiers, who perished during the battle, are still buried on the battlefield and it has not been designated as a National Cemetery. My cousin, former President Harry S. Truman, provided financial and political support for the creation of the museum, which opened in 1963. The Lone Jack Civil War Museum is currently operated by the Lone Jack Historical Society, a non-profit corporation. In 2006, Congress designated 29 eastern Kansas and 12 western Missouri counties, including Jackson County, Missouri, as the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA), to share the unique and nationally significant stories of our area. The FFNHA tells the history of both sides of the Border Wars that took place leading up to and during the Civil War. Within the FFNHA project area, the Battle of Lone Jack was one of the largest engagements during the war. FFNHA provides a variety of services for partners in both states. Partners can apply for and received interpretative grants so that they can share their part of the story. In 2011, the FFNHA and the Lone Jack Historical Society received a grant to produce a preservation plan to identify strategies for the preservation, interpretation, and future management of the Lone Jack Battlefield for future generations. That plan was released in 2013. H.B. 1777, authorizes the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to acquire by purchase or gift the portions of the Lone Jack Civil War Battlefield, Museum, and Cemetery in Jackson County, Missouri, to be operated and maintained by the Division of State Parks. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, given its resources, experience and expertise, would be in a superior position to preserve, protect and tell the important stories of the Lone Jack Civil War Battlefield and implement the recommendations contained in the 2013 plan, including conducting archeological investigations, structure reports, establishment of wayside exhibits, interpretation, trails, tours, and a website, and increase cultural heritage tourism in the area. For these reasons, Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area is supportive of H.B. 1777. Holly R. Zane Wakoresata'hta? (Wa-kohn-re-sa-TAH-ta) – She Who Extends Her Paw Wyandot, Bear Clan Associate Director Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, Inc. (FFNHA) for Kansas and Missouri 200 West 9th Street PO Box 526 Lawrence, KS 66044



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The Lone Jack Civil War Battlefield, Museum, & Cemetery are part of Missouri's history & should be preserved. The cemetery is sacred ground where those who fought for an important cause lost their lives. Missouri had many many battles through out our state. I sure many of our citizens are not aware of this. Of all these battles, Wilson's Creek is the only battle recognized as a National Battlefield in our state. Our past history is important and this being our 200th Anniversary of Statehood we can't let history fall through the cracks. I have toured the Lone Jack Museum, it is very informative and has many artifacts of interest.



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I am in support of this bill. Preserving history sites are important.			



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I am a 32-year resident of Jackson County and currently a candidate for Jackson County Executive. Currently, out of 92 state parks, historic sites, and trails, Jackson County has only the Thomas Hart Benton home and studio historic site. We have only three state parks within an hour's drive of Jackson County. We need another state park in Jackson County. I am here to urge this committee to approve the historic battle site in Lone Jack as a state park. The Lone Jack Battlefield Cemetery is only a county park. It is maintained by a historical society non-profit. A husband and wife and volunteers run the museum only on Saturday and Sunday. The battlefield has the longest consecutive annual anniversary ceremony in the country. Grant money is available from federal battlefield preservation funds. We in Jackson County would welcome and support this state park. I believe that it is sorely needed, and that the history of those brave Confederate and Union soldiers who fought there, should not be forgotten.



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HB177 needs to be passed. We can not lose an important site like this for future generations. Missouri had a lot of Civil War activity (3rd most skirmishes of all state during the Civil War). Sites like these also bring in tourist. Too many people in this country and some in Missouri want to erase the past. This cannot happen.