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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **WHEREAS**, recognizing that the decline in Missouri wildlife has impacted the state and
2 threatens Missouri deer, deer hunters, wildlife enthusiasts, and landowners; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, a disproportionate negative impact on certain areas of the state that depend
5 on a healthy and vibrant deer population has been felt; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, Missouri jobs, businesses, and communities are strongly supported by the
8 economic activity related to hunting; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, encouraging a safe, healthy, and lucrative hunting industry in Missouri will
11 give rise to good paying jobs, significant economic development, and profitable recreational
12 activity:

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14 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Missouri Senate,
15 Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring
16 therein, hereby create the Missouri Wildlife Revitalization Task Force; and

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18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the mission of the task force shall be to fully
19 consider:

20 (1) Establishing a wildlife focus area in certain areas of the state that have been most
21 negatively impacted by the effects of a declining wildlife population;

22 (2) Ways to revitalize hunting and outdoor activities in certain areas of the state after a
23 chronic wasting disease containment plan has been initiated;

24 (3) Legislative proposals including rules and regulations necessary for implementation
25 relating to the promotion of the hunting industry;

26 (4) The effects of chronic wasting disease on certain areas in Missouri, including
27 counties that have experienced confirmed cases of the disease, and how the enactment or
28 establishment of certain proposals may curtail such effects; and

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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force be authorized to call upon any
31 department, office, division, or agency of this state to assist in gathering information pursuant
32 to its objective; and

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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall consist of all of the following
35 members:

36 (1) One member of the General Assembly of the majority party appointed by the
37 President Pro Tempore of the Senate to serve as the chair of the task force, with preference given
38 to General Assembly members serving the affected area;

39 (2) One member of the General Assembly of the majority party and one member of the
40 General Assembly of the minority party appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
41 to serve as members of the task force, with preference given to General Assembly members
42 serving the affected area; and

43 (3) One member of the General Assembly of the majority party appointed by the Speaker
44 of the House of Representatives, with preference given to a General Assembly member serving
45 the affected area, to serve as the vice-chair and secretary of the task force, and who will provide
46 an agenda and report minutes of the task force; and

47 (4) One member of the General Assembly of the majority party and one member of the
48 General Assembly of the minority party appointed by the Speaker of the House of
49 Representatives to serve as members of the task force, with preference given to a General
50 Assembly member serving the affected area; and

51 (5) One member from either Pheasants Forever or Quail Forever appointed by the
52 President Pro Tempore of the Senate to serve as a member of the task force;

53 (6) One member from National Wild Turkey Federation, Incorporated appointed by the
54 President Pro Tempore of the Senate to serve as a member of the task force;

55 (7) One member from Whitetails Unlimited appointed by the Speaker of the House of
56 Representatives to serve as a member of the task force;

57 (8) One member from the Conservation Federation of Missouri appointed by the Speaker
58 of the House of Representatives to serve as a member of the task force;

59 (9) Two members owning land in an affected area appointed by the President Pro
60 Tempore of the Senate to serve as members of the task force;

61 (10) Two members owning land in an affected area appointed by the Speaker of the
62 House of Representatives to serve as members of the task force; and

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64 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the staff of Senate Research and House Research
65 shall provide such legal, research, clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the task force
66 may require in the performance of its duties; and

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68 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force, its members, and any staff assigned
69 to the committee shall receive reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred
70 in attending meetings of the committee; and

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72 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the chair or vice-chair and secretary of the task
73 force shall call an organizational meeting within fifteen days of the adoption of this resolution;
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76 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall terminate by either a majority
77 of members voting for termination, or by December 31, 2015, whichever occurs first; and

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79 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that on the date of termination, the task force may
80 deliver a report of findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Missouri
81 Department of Conservation; and

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83 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution does not amend any state law to
84 which the Department of Conservation or the Department of Agriculture is subject, and shall be
85 interpreted to be consistent with any requirements of such state or federal law; and

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87 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed
88 to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Director of the Department of
89 Conservation.

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