

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 27

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RUTH.

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1           **WHEREAS**, steamboats are deeply entwined in Missouri's history and culture; and

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3           **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen steamboat operated for many years and in many areas  
4 across the country as top of the line luxury travel and was previously allowed to provide  
5 overnight cruises; and

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7           **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen steamboat has carried three different United States  
8 Presidents and transported delegates of fifty-one other nations during the founding conference  
9 of the United Nations; and

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11           **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen is widely considered the last steamboat of its kind with  
12 overnight guest rooms; and

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14           **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen was once home to Mary Greene, who was one of the first  
15 women to become a licensed river pilot; and

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17           **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen is expected to visit over eighty different ports in the United  
18 States when it resumes operation; and

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20           **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen has established a home port, restaurant, and headquarters  
21 in Kimmswick, Missouri; and

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23           **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen Steamboat Co. has created over one hundred seventy local  
24 jobs and is expected to bring in more than thirty-six million four hundred thousand dollars to the  
25 region annually; and

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27           **WHEREAS**, resuming overnight cruises would bring even more economic benefits to  
28 the region and create further economic growth and opportunity; and

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30           **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen has been designated as a "National Treasure" by the  
31 National Trust for Historic Preservation, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and  
32 declared a National Historic Landmark; and

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34           **WHEREAS**, the Delta Queen was named to the National Trust for Historic  
35 Preservation's "America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places" in 2016; and

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37           **WHEREAS**, United States Senate Bill S. 89 exempts old vessels that only operate within  
38 the inland waterways from federal fire-retardant materials requirements if the owners of the  
39 vessel make annual structural alterations to at least ten percent of the areas of the vessel that are  
40 not constructed of fire-retardant materials:

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42           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
43 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
44 concurring therein, hereby urge that the United States Congress enact United States Senate Bill  
45 S. 89; and

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47           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
48 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for each  
49 member of Missouri's congressional delegation.

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