

House Concurrent Resolution No. 37

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, National Public Radio (NPR) is a privately and publicly funded nonprofit
2 membership news media organization that serves as a syndicator to over nine hundred public
3 radio stations in the United States; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, NPR routinely takes sides on issues and topics that, as a news organization,
6 it should report in an unbiased manner; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, NPR criticizes Republican politicians more frequently than it criticizes
9 Democratic politicians; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, NPR content more frequently addresses topics of interest to liberal listeners
12 than it addresses topics of interest to conservative listeners; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, academic studies, including a study co-authored by a University of
15 Missouri - Columbia professor, have found NPR has a liberal bias; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, under the guise of objective news reporting, NPR is helping advance a
18 liberal political agenda; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, NPR receives federal grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting;
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23 **WHEREAS**, NPR receives other public funding from federal, state, and local
24 governments; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, public funds originate from taxpayers who hold beliefs across the entire
27 political spectrum; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, a news organization that receives public funds should report content in a
30 strictly unbiased manner so as to equally serve all those who contribute to its funding; and
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32 **WHEREAS**, NPR fails to meet this standard and reports news with bias:
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34 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
35 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
36 concurring therein, hereby decree that no state funds shall go to the support or benefit of National
37 Public Radio; and
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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
40 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for members
41 of the budget committee of the Missouri House of Representatives and the appropriations
42 committee of the Missouri Senate.

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