

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 41

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE POGUE.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

1           **WHEREAS**, effective November 1, 2016, the Missouri Conservation Commission  
2 selected Sara Parker Pauley as Director of the Department of Conservation; and

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4           **WHEREAS**, from December 2010, until such date, Pauley served as the Director of the  
5 Missouri Department of Natural Resources; and

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7           **WHEREAS**, in 2008, the state of Missouri received over \$30 million from a legal  
8 settlement with the American Smelting and Refining Company (ASARCO) to remediate  
9 environmental damages in Southeast Missouri's lead mining district; and

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11           **WHEREAS**, the settlement agreement limited that the settlement funds could only be  
12 spent on restoration activities at or in connection with five specific sites; and

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14           **WHEREAS**, instead of spending the funds on vital environmental remediation in the  
15 affected areas, the Department of Natural Resources, under the command of Pauley, spent more  
16 than \$20 million of the settlement funds on the acquisition of land in Oregon County; and

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18           **WHEREAS**, the Oregon County property is nowhere near the area where most of the  
19 environmental damage occurred and is not even in the same watershed; and

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21           **WHEREAS**, the department claims that the land will be used to develop a new state park  
22 in Oregon County; and

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24           **WHEREAS**, the use of the settlement funds was clearly unauthorized and unjustified;  
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27           **WHEREAS**, because of her involvement in such a blatant misuse of state funds, Pauley  
28 should not be entrusted with leading one our most important state agencies:  
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30           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
31 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
32 concurring therein, hereby discourage the directorship of Missouri Department of Conservation  
33 Director Sara Parker Pauley for her involvement with the misappropriation of environmental  
34 settlement funds; and

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36           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
37 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for each  
38 member of the Missouri Conservation Commission.

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