

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 95

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE POGUE.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

1           **WHEREAS**, all state governments and the federal government endorse educational  
2 excellence and student achievement as essential to a democratic society; and

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4           **WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States enacted the Secure Rural Schools and  
5 Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Secure Rural Schools Act) in order to supplement  
6 funding for schools in communities with federal lands; and

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8           **WHEREAS**, funding under the Secure Rural Schools Act is critical for local school  
9 districts, which rely on state and local property taxes as a significant source of their funding; and

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11           **WHEREAS**, tax-exempt federal lands can greatly reduce the state and local property  
12 taxes that support local school districts; and

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14           **WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States last reauthorized the Secure Rural  
15 Schools Act in 2015; and

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17           **WHEREAS**, without reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools Act, states will receive  
18 significantly decreased payments in 2018; and

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20           **WHEREAS**, the children of Missouri should not suffer because they live in a community  
21 with federal lands; and

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23           **WHEREAS**, states and local school districts should retain sufficient educational funding  
24 to achieve both federal and state educational goals and mandates; and

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26           **WHEREAS**, decreased payments under the Secure Rural Schools Act will significantly  
27 damage the ability of states and local school districts to achieve both federal and state  
28 educational goals and mandates:

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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, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
32 concurring therein, hereby encourage the 115th Congress of the United States to reauthorize the  
33 Secure Rural Schools Act; and

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

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