

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas, steamboats are deeply entwined in Missouri's history and culture; and

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

Whereas, the Delta Queen steamboat has carried three different United States Presidents, and transported delegates of 51 other nations during the founding conference of the United Nations; and

Whereas, the Delta Queen is widely considered the last steamboat of its kind with overnight guest rooms; and

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

Whereas, the Delta Queen is expected to visit over 80 different ports in the United States when it resumes operation; and

Whereas, the Delta Queen has established a home port, restaurant, and headquarters in Kimmswick, Missouri; and

Whereas, the Delta Queen Steamboat Co. has created over 170 local jobs and is expected to bring in more than \$36.4 million to the region annually; and

Whereas, resuming overnight cruises would bring even more economic benefits to the region, and create further economic growth and opportunity; and

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

Whereas, the Delta Queen was named to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's "11 most endangered list" for 2016; and

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

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General

Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge that the United States Congress enact United States Senate Bill S. 89; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each member of Missouri's Congressional delegation.

Resolution

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