

House Concurrent Resolution No. 26

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, faith-based and community organizations are currently providing quality
2 social services and making a positive difference in the communities they serve; and

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4 **Whereas**, faith-based and community organizations are serving their communities
5 in areas such as the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency, child care services, support
6 services for the elderly, the prevention of crime, the intervention in and prevention of domestic
7 violence, and a number of other social service areas; and

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9 **Whereas**, some of these faith-based and community organizations are currently
10 receiving moneys from the federal government, or through the state, a city, or local government
11 that itself receives federal moneys, to carry out their missions; and

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13 **Whereas**, because of the quality of services provided by these organizations, it is
14 important for the state and local governments to utilize their services by working in partnership
15 with faith-based and community organizations; and

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17 **Whereas**, faith-based and community organizations that currently work in
18 partnership with local governments or judicial circuits are doing so within the framework of the
19 Constitutional church-state guidelines:

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21 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
22 Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
23 concurring therein, hereby express our gratitude to faith-based and community organizations
24 working in their communities to improve the lives of the citizens of this state; and

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26 **Be it further resolved** that the members of the General Assembly support
27 the mission of faith-based and community organizations to provide social services to improve
28 the lives of our citizens; and

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30 **Be it further resolved** that the members of the General Assembly support
31 and encourage the state and all local governments to work in partnership with faith-based and
32 community organizations to provide quality social services that improve the lives of so many of
33 our citizens in particular and better our society in general; 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 properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Governor
37 Matt Blunt, the presiding judge of each judicial circuit in this state, and to the director of each
38 state department.