

House Resolution No. 959

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES (89).

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2 **WHEREAS**, civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history
3 in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775, which
4 issued a proclamation setting aside a time for prayer in forming a new nation; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 1863, Abraham Lincoln called for a day of prayer, and Franklin
6 Roosevelt declared a national day of prayer on D-Day, June 6, 1944, the day the Allied powers
7 crossed the English Channel and landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, beginning the
8 liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control during World War II; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, in 1952, by joint act of Congress and signed into law by Harry S. Truman,
11 the "National Day of Prayer" was officially established as an annual event calling upon each
12 President of the United States to set aside an appropriate day for national prayer; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, on May 5, 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill which passed
15 unanimously in Congress making the first Thursday of every May the National Day of Prayer;
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18 **WHEREAS**, the National Day of Prayer is an opportunity to acknowledge our
19 dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, and to request healing for wounds
20 endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her
21 citizens; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, the governors of all fifty states have signed proclamations encouraging all
24 Americans to pray on the National Day of Prayer:

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26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri
27 House of Representatives, Ninety-sixth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, hereby
28 recognize May 3, 2012, as the "National Day of Prayer" and encourages all citizens of the State
29 of Missouri to join in this recognition and observance of prayer for the welfare of this state.

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