

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 58

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SPENCER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

1           **WHEREAS**, the United States military has five branches that offer Junior Reserve  
2 Officer Training Corps (JROTC): the Marine Corps, Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard;  
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5           **WHEREAS**, JROTC courses are offered at over three thousand high schools across the  
6 United States; and

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8           **WHEREAS**, participation in the elective JROTC courses does not require students to  
9 join the military; and

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11           **WHEREAS**, JROTC courses are not military-preparation courses but teach life skills  
12 that many of today's youth do not learn, such as taking orders, punctuality, responsibility,  
13 personal hygiene, physical fitness, and respect; and

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15           **WHEREAS**, JROTC courses provide leadership skills and opportunity for  
16 underprivileged youth across the state, especially in inner cities; and

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18           **WHEREAS**, students who participate in JROTC receive the opportunity to use firearms  
19 correctly and safely as part of firearms training; and

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21           **WHEREAS**, many students in rural areas have no access to JROTC courses due to an  
22 insufficient number of schools offering JROTC courses and the locations of current JROTC  
23 programs, and all Missouri high school students deserve the opportunity to enroll in a JROTC  
24 course, regardless of the location of their school; and

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26           **WHEREAS**, students deserve access to JROTC courses because the JROTC program  
27 creates better, stronger youth; JROTC courses increase the confidence and self-esteem of  
28 participants; graduation rates of students in JROTC courses are exponentially higher than the  
29 graduation rates of students not enrolled in a JROTC course in their respective schools;

30 attendance rates of students in JROTC courses are higher than those of students not enrolled in  
31 a JROTC course; and the grade point averages of students enrolled in JROTC courses are higher  
32 than those of students not enrolled in a JROTC course; and

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34 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Defense allocates funds to schools and  
35 school districts to support JROTC courses:

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37 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
38 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
39 concurring therein, hereby urge all public schools in Missouri school districts to take the  
40 necessary steps to institute JROTC courses in their schools; and

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42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
43 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for each  
44 superintendent of a Missouri school district.

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