

# House Resolution No. 5357

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

1           **WHEREAS**, the state of Missouri is home to two esteemed historically black institutions  
2 of higher education, Lincoln University and Harris-Stowe State University; and

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4           **WHEREAS**, nearly three hundred thousand students are enrolled at historically black  
5 institutions of higher education across the nation; and

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7           **WHEREAS**, historically black institutions of higher education are a vital part of not just  
8 our nation's higher education system, but of the American dream; and

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10          **WHEREAS**, despite the fact that historically black institutions of higher education  
11 provide educational opportunities to serve some of our nation's most promising students, these  
12 institutions too often struggle financially due to having smaller endowments, less money from  
13 alumni giving, and lower levels of federal and state investment; and

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15          **WHEREAS**, as a result of lower levels of investment in such institutions, the  
16 infrastructure of these institutions has not kept pace with their growing student bodies and the  
17 demands of training students for the twenty-first century; and

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19          **WHEREAS**, changes are needed to ensure that these important institutions of higher  
20 education continue to thrive and are accessible and strong for years to come; and

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22          **WHEREAS**, changes are needed to solve inequities in how historically black institutions  
23 of higher education have been treated financially in the state of Missouri:

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25          **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
26 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, hereby urge a  
27 commitment to ensuring that the historically black institutions of higher education in this state  
28 are comparable to and competitive with the Columbia campus of the University of Missouri in

29 all facets of their operations and programs and that such institutions are funded at the same level  
30 as the University of Missouri in Columbia, on a per-student basis; and

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32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
33 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the  
34 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and each  
35 member of the General Assembly.

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