

House Resolution No. 5612

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether
2 right and proper to pause from time to time to recognize milestones in the legislative history of
3 this great country; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, the members now pause to observe the fiftieth anniversary of the Wild and
6 Scenic Rivers Act, an Act passed by a unanimous vote in the United States Senate and signed
7 by President Lyndon B. Johnson on October 2, 1968; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, in the Act, Congress sought to protect outstanding rivers that “shall be
10 preserved in free-flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be
11 protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations”; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, to implement this objective, the Act created the National Wild and Scenic
14 Rivers System, providing for the designation of wild and scenic rivers; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the Act defines wild and scenic rivers as “certain selected rivers of the
17 Nation which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic,
18 recreational, geological, fish and wildlife, historical, cultural, or other similar values”; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, the Eleven Point River in Missouri was one of the eight rivers designated
21 by the original Act in 1968; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, in 2018, forty-four miles of the Eleven Point River were included in the
24 National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, providing Missourians with a high quality recreational
25 opportunity and natural resource; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, the Eleven Point Wild and Scenic River is administered by the United
28 States Forest Service, with the cooperation and assistance of state and local governments, private
29 groups, and land owners, which have done an outstanding job of protecting the river for the past
30 fifty years; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, public awareness of the importance of wild and scenic rivers must be raised
33 and public and private cooperation encouraged to promote the continued protection of these
34 precious river values; and

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36 **WHEREAS**, tourism on the Eleven Point River supports many local businesses,
37 including canoe rental liveries, fishing guide services, rental cabins, and restaurants:

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39 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri House
40 of Representatives, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, hereby recognize
41 the fiftieth anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and encourage citizens to protect our
42 state's river resources; and

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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
45 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
46 Department of Natural Resources.

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