

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, Missouri's access to over 1,000 miles of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers and the Port of Metropolitan St. Louis' position as the second largest inland port system in the United States make Missouri a critical hub in the nation's transportation system; and

Whereas, the recent global pandemic, hostilities in Europe, and efforts by the People's Republic of China to gain dominance over global supply chains have demonstrated the critical importance of maintaining resilient domestic industries and transportation services to the citizens and workforce of Missouri; and

Whereas, the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, known as the Jones Act and codified in Title 46 of the United States Code, requires that vessels carrying cargo between locations in the United States be owned by American companies, crewed by American mariners, and built in American shipyards; and

Whereas, the United States' ability to project and deploy forces globally, and supply and maintain military installations domestically, depends on the civilian fleet of Jones Act vessels and mariners; and

Whereas, mariners aboard Jones Act vessels strengthen America's homeland security as added eyes and ears monitoring the nation's 95,000 miles of shoreline and 25,000 miles of navigable inland waterways; and

Whereas, Missouri is home to 8,790 maritime jobs supported by the Jones Act that generate \$503.8 million in labor income; and

Whereas, maritime industry jobs create ladders of opportunity for Missourians through high-paying, family-wage

careers that offer significant career advancement without requiring collegiate degrees and extensive student loans; and

Whereas, the more than 40,000 vessel strong Jones Act fleet supports nearly 650,000 family-wage jobs and over \$154 billion in economic output nationally and \$1.8 billion to the Missouri economy:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred and Third General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby affirm their resolute support for the Jones Act and celebrates the Jones Act's central role in fostering a strong domestic maritime industry that is critical to Missouri's and the nation's economic prosperity and national security; and

Be It Further Resolved that properly inscribed copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to each member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.