

House Concurrent Resolution No. 40

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia is not currently afforded the right to representation
2 in the Congress of the United States because it is not a state; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia is not afforded the right to local control because
5 federal law grants that power to the Congress of the United States; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia has no historically recognized path to statehood,
8 unlike most other territories of the United States; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia has a population of over 700,000 persons who are
11 disenfranchised from voting; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, residents of the District of Columbia are subject to federal income taxation
14 without representation in the Congress of the United States or the right to enact local laws
15 inconsistent with any regulations of the Congress of the United States; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia's status as a type of "last colony" is largely a
18 matter of historical accident because of the primary concern of the founders with creating a new
19 federal government and their inattention to the small, sparsely populated swampland that
20 comprised the District of Columbia in 1790;

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22 **WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States has power, under Section 3, Article IV
23 of the Constitution of the United States, to authorize the admission of existing territories such
24 as the District of Columbia as new states upon the passage of a federal law:

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26 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
27 Representatives of the One Hundred First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
28 concurring therein, hereby urge Congress to admit the District of Columbia as the fifty-first state
29 of the Union; and

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31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
32 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for House
33 Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, the Missouri Congressional
34 delegation, and the legislatures of each state.

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