

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 83

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A RESOLUTION expressing support for legislation requesting federal approval of the extension of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

WHEREAS, in 1804, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark began a voyage of discovery with 45 men, a keelboat, two pirogues, and a dog; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson's dream to explore the unknown lands of the great West culminated in the journey of Lewis and Clark, which lasted three years and encompassed lands that later became eleven states; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation believes that the status quo does not adequately recognize Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, where he dreamed his vision for America and displayed Native American artifacts sent back from the Expedition; Washington, D.C., where he shared his dream with Meriwether Lewis and entertained Native American chiefs after the Expedition; or a variety of other significant places throughout the Eastern Legacy states; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation supports recognition of a continuous trail across the country on the National Park Service's official trail map and the right to post the official trail signs--Two Captains Pointing the Way--which are posted throughout the West; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail from coast to coast would complete the story and expose a broader base of Americans to the educational and cultural aspects of the Expedition; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation partners with the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Forest Service in caring for the Lewis

and Clark National Historic Trail and also supports scholarships, educational efforts, and research on the Expedition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we urge the Tennessee Congressional Delegation to support legislation requesting federal approval of the extension of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to each member of the Tennessee Congressional Delegation.