

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION petitioning the National Park Service to complete the Eastern Legacy Special Resource Study, mandated by Congress in 2008, and to recommend inclusion of the Eastern Legacy sites, which includes 52 Kentucky counties, in the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail was established by Congress in 1978 and extended to the West from Wood River, Illinois, to the mouth of the Columbia River in Oregon and Washington; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 110-229, Section 343, enacted in 2008, directed the National Park Service to conduct a Special Resources Study to assess the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail by including Eastern Legacy sites, which are the historic routes and sites in the east that were vital to the preparation and planning of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery expedition; and

WHEREAS, extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail eastward fulfills the objectives of the National Trails System, established in 1968, to provide for the ever-increasing outdoor recreation needs of an expanding population and to promote the preservation of, public access to, travel within, and the enjoyment and appreciation of open-air, outdoor areas and historic resources of the nation; and

WHEREAS, William Clark, co-commander of the Corps of Discovery expedition, along with ten other members of the expedition, were Kentuckians who were involved in every pivotal event during the Corps of Discovery expedition; and

WHEREAS, Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, and other members of the expedition, and tribal people under their care, traveled through Kentucky after exploring the West; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky newspapers were the first newspapers in the country to publish reports of the success of the Corps of Discovery expedition, and the first reports of the death of Governor Meriwether Lewis were published in Kentucky newspapers; and

WHEREAS, tourism is a major component of Kentucky's economy and the addition

of 52 counties in Kentucky to the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail would greatly benefit the tourism industry and overall economy of the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

➔Section 1. The National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior is hereby urged and petitioned to expeditiously complete and provide to Congress the Eastern Legacy Special Resource Study.

➔Section 2. The report of the Eastern Legacy Special Resource Study should include a recommendation that the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail be extended to the east by including the historically significant eastern corridors of the Corps of Discovery expedition for the period of 1803 through 1809.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to submit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; the secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet; members of Kentucky's Congressional delegation; the President of the United States, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500; Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240; Cameron H. Sholly, Regional Director, Midwest Region, National Park Service, 601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, NE 68102; and James L. Mallory, Vice Chairman, Lewis and Clark Trust, Inc., 1867 Bellefonte Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40503.