

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

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By: **Senator Madaleno**

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail

FOR the purpose of urging the National Park Service in the U.S. Department of the Interior to expeditiously complete and provide to Congress the Eastern Legacy Special Resource Study and include within the Study a certain recommendation.

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, The Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 directed the National Park Service to conduct an Eastern Legacy Special Resource Study to assess the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail by including the 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 Trail 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 enjoyment and appreciation of open-air, outdoor areas and historic resources of the nation; and

WHEREAS, Maryland was the first state entered by the Expedition upon Meriwether Lewis’ departure from the White House in Washington, D.C. on July 5, 1803; and

EXPLANATION:

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WHEREAS, Significant Expedition material and equipment, including the famed iron boat frame crafted at the Federal Armory in Harpers Ferry and, likely, the vital and delicate pocket chronometer purchased by Lewis from watchmaker Thomas Parker of Philadelphia, traveled by road across Maryland prior to the start of the river portion of the Expedition; and

WHEREAS, Meriwether Lewis sent a letter datelined “Fredericktown (Frederick, MD), April 15, 1803” to General William Irvine, Superintendent of the Schuylkill Arsenal to have two hundred pounds of portable soup prepared for him; and

WHEREAS, In his letter to Military Agent William Linnard datelined “Philadelphia, June 6, 1803”, Meriwether Lewis gave instructions for the wagon driver carrying his supplies from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh by way of Harpers Ferry to call on “Col. (Thomas H.) Cushing at Fredericktown (Frederick, MD)”; and

WHEREAS, In his letter to President Thomas Jefferson datelined “Harper’s (sic) Ferry, July 8th, 1803”, Meriwether Lewis stated, “...on the evening of the 5th at Fredericktown (Frederick, MD) I engaged a person with a light two horse wagon...”; and

WHEREAS, Expedition member John Collins, one of the most prominently mentioned Expedition members in the journals of Lewis and Clark, was born and raised in Frederick County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The War Department Financial Records for the Corps of Discovery are located in the National Archives and Records Administration at 8601 Adelphi Road in College Park, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Artifacts from the Expedition were sent in April 1805 by way of St. Louis to New Orleans and finally to Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland, on their journey to the White House and Monticello; and

WHEREAS, Tourism is a major component of Maryland’s economy and the addition of hundreds of miles of historic Maryland roadways to the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail would greatly benefit the tourism industry and overall economy of the State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly urges the National Park Service in the U.S. Department of the Interior to expeditiously complete and provide to Congress the Eastern Legacy Special Resource Study and include within the Study a recommendation that the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail be extended to the East by inclusion of the historically significant eastern corridors of the “Corps of Discovery” expedition for the period of 1803 through 1809; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Maryland Office of Tourism, the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Benjamin L. Cardin, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Andrew P. Harris, C.A. Dutch

Ruppersberger III, John P. Sarbanes, Donna Edwards, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, John Delaney, Elijah E. Cummings, and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 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, KY 40503; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Approved:

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.