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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail - Eastward Extension**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the United States Congress to continue to value the
4 importance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition for the country's national
5 heritage, as well as recognize the important role that many eastern states
6 served in preparation for the expedition, by supporting legislation calling for
7 federal approval of an extension of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

8 WHEREAS, In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson won approval from Congress
9 for a visionary project, formed the expedition's group, the Corps of Discovery, and set
10 the wheels in motion for an endeavor that would become one of America's greatest
11 adventure stories that continues to fascinate people all over the world; and

12 WHEREAS, The Corps of Discovery's journey took them across thousands of
13 miles, where they experienced new lands, rivers, and people that Americans had
14 never encountered before, thus changing the new country's direction; and

15 WHEREAS, One of the permanent members of the Corps of Discovery, Private
16 John Collins, was born in Frederick County, Maryland; and

17 WHEREAS, Before the journey, Captain Lewis traveled through Maryland
18 many times, gathering supplies and making preparations, stopping in Frederick,
19 Maryland, on several occasions on his way to the Harpers Ferry Armory in West
20 Virginia, where the Corps was outfitted with weapons for its western journey, as well
21 as following the Old National Road (US Route 40) from Cumberland, Maryland, on
22 the way to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

23 WHEREAS, Maryland joins other eastern states in calling for a study on the
24 extension of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites
25 associated with the preparation or the return phase of the expedition; and

26 WHEREAS, The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation supports
27 recognition of a continuous trail across the country on the National Park Service's

1 official trail map and the right to post the official trail signs that say "Two Captains
2 Pointing the Way" along the entire route; and

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

6 WHEREAS, The educational, cultural, and historic assets brought by the Lewis
7 and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land
8 Management, and the Forest Service, as they partner in caring for the Lewis and
9 Clark National Historic Trail, as well as their support for continued research efforts,
10 are beneficial to all Americans; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
12 General Assembly urges the United States Congress to continue to value the
13 importance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition for the country's national heritage, as
14 well as recognize the important role that many eastern states, including Maryland,
15 served in preparation of the expedition, by supporting legislation calling for federal
16 approval of an extension of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
19 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S.
20 Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;
21 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger III, Benjamin L.
22 Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E.
23 Cummings, and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., House Office Building, Washington,
24 D.C. 20515; the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the
25 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
26 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.