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By: **Senator Madaleno**

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail**

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

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

9 WHEREAS, The Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 directed the National
10 Park Service to conduct an Eastern Legacy Special Resource Study to assess the suitability
11 and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail by including the
12 Eastern Legacy sites, which are the historic routes and sites in the East that were vital to
13 the preparation and planning of the Lewis and Clark “Corps of Discovery” Expedition; and

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
31 Legislative Services to the Maryland Office of Tourism, the Maryland Congressional
32 Delegation: Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Benjamin L. Cardin, Senate Office Building,
33 Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Andrew P. Harris, C.A. Dutch
34 Ruppertsberger III, John P. Sarbanes, Donna Edwards, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, John
35 Delaney, Elijah E. Cummings, and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., House Office Building,
36 Washington, D.C. 20515; Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service, 1849 C
37 Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240; Cameron H. Sholly, Regional Director, Midwest
38 Region, National Park Service, 601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, NE 68102; and James L.

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1 Mallory, Vice Chairman, Lewis and Clark Trust, Inc., 1867 Bellefonte Drive, Lexington,
2 KY 40503; and be it further

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