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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO ENCOURAGE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO DESIGNATE  
9 THE BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND MAIL TRAIL AS A NATIONAL  
10 HISTORIC TRAIL.  
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13 **Subtitle**

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19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
20 STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 WHEREAS, the Butterfield Overland Mail Trail, which crosses Arkansas  
23 and seven (7) other states, was used by the Butterfield Overland Mail to  
24 transport mail and passengers from St. Louis, Missouri, and Memphis,  
25 Tennessee, to San Francisco, California, from 1858 to 1861; and  
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27 WHEREAS, covering a distance of nearly three thousand (3,000) miles,  
28 the path of the Butterfield Overland Mail Trail was one (1) of the longest  
29 mail routes using horse-drawn stagecoaches in the history of the United  
30 States, starting in Tipton, Missouri and finishing in San Francisco,  
31 California; and  
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33 WHEREAS, the first stagecoach began its journey on September 16, 1858,  
34 with the Butterfield Overland Mail Trail southern route beginning in Tipton,  
35 Missouri, meandering south through Arkansas to Fort Smith, with a branch to  
36 Memphis, Tennessee, and Little Rock, Arkansas, before heading west; and



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2 WHEREAS, on September 19, 1858, the Butterfield Overland Mail Trail  
3 arrived at 2:00 a.m. to a large, cheering crowd in Fort Smith, Arkansas;  
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5 WHEREAS, numerous stops of the Butterfield Overland Mail Trail are  
6 found in Arkansas at:

- 7 (1) Callahan's Tavern near Rogers, Arkansas;
- 8 (2) Fitzgerald's Station in Springdale, Arkansas;
- 9 (3) Park's Station in Hogeye, Arkansas;
- 10 (4) Brodie's Station near Lee Creek, Arkansas;
- 11 (5) Woolsey's Station at Signal Hill;
- 12 (6) The Van Buren Station; and
- 13 (7) Fort Smith, Arkansas; and  
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15 WHEREAS, in addition, stations have been found in Madison, Des Arc, and  
16 Paris along with Plumer's Station in Plummerville, Arkansas, , Stinnett's  
17 Station, and Potts Inn which is still intact and now is the Potts Inn Museum;  
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20 WHEREAS, a National Historic Trail can only be designated by an Act of  
21 Congress; and  
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23 WHEREAS, congressional action to designate the Butterfield Overland  
24 Mail Trail as a National Historic Trail would help preserve and protect this  
25 historic route and its historic remnants and artifacts for public use and  
26 enjoyment,  
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28 NOW THEREFORE,

29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
30 STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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32 THAT the Senate of the Ninety-Second General Assembly of the State of  
33 Arkansas respectfully urges the United States Congress to designate the  
34 Butterfield Overland Mail Trail as a National Historic Trail.  
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, upon its adoption, an official copy of

1 this resolution, with a request to enter this resolution in the Congressional  
2 Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States, be sent by the  
3 Arkansas Secretary of State to:

- 4 (1) The President of the United States;
- 5 (2) The President of the Senate of the United States Senate;
- 6 (3) The Speaker of the House of the United States House of  
7 Representatives; and
- 8 (4) The members of the Arkansas Congressional delegation.

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