

House Resolution No. 5237

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FRAKER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, Route 66 was first signed into law as one of the original United States
2 highways in 1927; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, Route 66 ran from Chicago to Los Angeles, a total of 2,448 miles; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, 317 miles of Route 66 are in Missouri, from St. Louis to the Kansas state
7 line west of Joplin; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, Route 66 is also known as the "Main Street of America" and the "Mother
10 Road"; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, Route 66 remains an American cultural icon and an important part of
13 American history; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, Route 66 attracts visitors from around the world and annual tourism
16 spending is approximately \$38 million; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, Route 66 declined throughout the mid to late twentieth century and was
19 decommissioned in the 1980s; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, recognizing the historical significance and cultural impact of Route 66, the
22 state of Missouri formed one of the first Route 66 associations in 1990; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, the first "Historic Route 66" marker was placed on Kearney Street at
25 Glenstone Avenue in Springfield, Missouri; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, as the centennial of the commissioning of Route 66 approaches, states all
28 along the historic route are planning ways to celebrate its significance; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, the designation of Route 66 as a national historic trail would lend federal
31 support to the preservation of this historic road:

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33 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri House
34 of Representatives, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, hereby urge the
35 members of the Missouri congressional delegation to support HR 801, which designates Route
36 66 as a national historic trail; and

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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
39 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
40 members of the Missouri congressional delegation.

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