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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In an Act enacted by the Fifth General Assembly and approved on February 12, 1827, the road from Springfield to Peoria was declared a State Road; and

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WHEREAS, The Springfield to Peoria Road became Illinois' major artery for trade, commerce, passenger stage and mail delivery in the early 19th century; and

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WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln traveled this road as an attorney in the Eighth Judicial Circuit and during his campaign for the Presidency and he also sponsored legislation affecting the road; and

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WHEREAS, The description of the Trail is as follows: the route leading north from Springfield using present day nomenclature would be from the Springfield city street Peoria Road. This street joins with Business 55 and crosses the Sangamon River as Business 55. Before reaching the town of Sherman, the original route veers to the west side of Sherman onto Old Tipton School Road still heading north. At the "T" intersection which is Andrew Road, the route turns west until the next intersection which is Illinois Route 124 heading north. The route continues north on Illinois Route 124 through the intersection of Illinois Route 123 and becomes Fancy

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1 Prairie Road. The route now enters Menard County. Continue  
2 north on Fancy Prairie Road until the road curves to the east  
3 with an intersection to the north. Turn north onto Peoria Road  
4 and continue north to a "T" intersection which is Middletown  
5 Blacktop. Turn east to the town of Middletown. The route is now  
6 in Logan County. The route leads north from Middletown  
7 connecting with the town of New Holland via 100th East Avenue.  
8 Leading north from New Holland on 100th East Avenue continue  
9 north until reaching Illinois Route 136. Turn east on Illinois  
10 Route 136 and continue to 300th East Avenue. Turn north on  
11 300th East Avenue, which is Delavan Road and continue to the  
12 town of Delavan. The route is now in Tazewell County. Leading  
13 north from Delavan on Locust Street, continue until  
14 intersecting Springfield Road at Mackinaw Creek. The route  
15 continues north on Springfield Road passing through the village  
16 of Dillon and on to the town of Groveland. From Groveland  
17 continue on Springfield Road to the city of East Peoria. At  
18 East Peoria, Springfield Road connects with East Washington  
19 Street. Turning west on Washington Street which crosses the  
20 Illinois River on the Bob Michel Bridge, ending near the  
21 Franklin Street Bridge Monument in Riverfront Park in the City  
22 of Peoria; and

23 WHEREAS, The original trail is still intact today; it has  
24 made a significant contribution to the development of  
25 Springfield, Peoria, and all points in between; and in

1 conjunction with the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial, a special  
2 designation for this scenic and historic corridor is  
3 appropriate; therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
6 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the A. Lincoln and Springfield to  
7 Peoria Stage Road be designated along the route cited in this  
8 Resolution; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
10 is requested, in consultation with the Lincoln Heritage  
11 Foundation of Logan County and others, to erect at suitable  
12 locations, consistent with State regulations, plaques or signs  
13 giving notice of the name; and be it further

14       RESOLVED, That units of local government that maintain any  
15 portion of the Road are urged to enhance areas along the road  
16 and to erect at suitable locations, plaques or signs that have  
17 been designed by the Illinois Department of Transportation in  
18 consultation with the Lincoln Heritage Foundation of Logan  
19 County and others that gives notice of the name; and be it  
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21       RESOLVED, That the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency  
22 and the Illinois Bureau of Tourism are requested to post on

1 their Agency websites, and to produce brochures and other  
2 related matter that makes the Road known to the public; and be  
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be presented to  
5 the Illinois Secretary of Transportation, the Illinois  
6 Historic Preservation Agency, Illinois Bureau of Tourism, and  
7 the Lincoln Heritage Foundation of Logan County and each of the  
8 local governments having jurisdiction over any portion of the  
9 Road.