

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

RESOLUTION

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Date _____	20 _____
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As Committed-Amended	
Recommendation	

By Hon. _____	

A RESOLUTION

1 Strongly urging the National Park Service to complete the
2 Eastern Legacy Special Resource Study mandated by the
3 Congress of the United States in 2008, and recommending
4 inclusion of the Eastern Legacy sites, including 67
5 Pennsylvania counties, in the Lewis and Clark National
6 Historic Trail.

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

11 WHEREAS, Section 343 of the Consolidated Natural Resources
12 Act of 2008 directed the National Park Service to conduct a
13 special resource study to assess the suitability and feasibility
14 of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to
15 include Eastern Legacy sites, the historic routes and sites in
16 the east that were vital to the preparation and planning of the
17 Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery expedition; and

18 WHEREAS, Extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic
19 Trail eastward fulfills the objectives of the National Trails

1 System, established in 1968, providing for the ever-increasing
2 outdoor recreation needs of an expanding population and
3 promoting the preservation of, public access to, travel within,
4 and the enjoyment and appreciation of open-air, outdoor areas
5 and historic resources of the nation; and

6 WHEREAS, Meriwether Lewis and the Lewis and Clark expedition
7 have strong ties to this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Meriwether Lewis was mentored in Lancaster and
9 Philadelphia by leading scholars and scientists of the day,
10 including Andrew Ellicott, Robert Patterson, Benjamin Rush,
11 Benjamin Smith Barton and Caspar Wistar; and

12 WHEREAS, The expedition keelboat was built by Captain John
13 Walker from timber cut and sawed in Elizabeth before the final
14 fitting at Fort Lafayette in Pittsburgh; and

15 WHEREAS, Meriwether Lewis purchased his dog, Seaman, in
16 Pittsburgh; and

17 WHEREAS, The Lewis and Clark Journals were started August 30,
18 1803, in Pittsburgh; and

19 WHEREAS, Meriwether Lewis traveled Braddock's Road, known as
20 the National Road after 1806, from Charleston, Virginia, now
21 West Virginia, to Pittsburgh; and

22 WHEREAS, United States Secretary of the Treasury Albert
23 Gallatin of Friendship Hill in Fayette County advised Thomas
24 Jefferson that Meriwether Lewis should consider linguistics,
25 ethnology and geography during his exploration to the West; and

26 WHEREAS, Two historical markers in Pittsburgh note the site
27 of Fort Lafayette and the keelboat launch site beginning
28 Meriwether Lewis' journey down the Ohio River; and

29 WHEREAS, The Lewis and Clark Journals are preserved today at
30 the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia; and

1 WHEREAS, Plants and botanical material collected by Lewis and
2 Clark are preserved in the Academy of Natural Sciences in
3 Philadelphia; and

4 WHEREAS, The City Tavern, where Meriwether Lewis dined, has
5 been reconstructed within the National Park Service Independence
6 National Historical Park in Philadelphia; and

7 WHEREAS, The Woodlands, a National Historic Landmark District
8 in Philadelphia, has plants grown from seed harvested during the
9 Lewis and Clark expedition; and

10 WHEREAS, *Contributions of Philadelphia to Lewis and Clark*
11 *History, Walk in the Footprints of Lewis and Clark in*
12 *Philadelphia* and other maps and brochures have already been
13 printed and are available for distribution; and

14 WHEREAS, The Library Company of Philadelphia preserves the
15 copy of *History of Louisiana* by Antoine du Pratz that Meriwether
16 Lewis carried to the Pacific Ocean and back; and

17 WHEREAS, The Athenaeum of Philadelphia preserves one of the
18 telescopes that was carried on the expedition; and

19 WHEREAS, The First National Bank of the United States,
20 located in Philadelphia, exhibits portraits of Lewis and Clark
21 painted by Charles Willson Peale; and

22 WHEREAS, The journal of Corps of Discovery member Sergeant
23 Patrick Gass was published in Pittsburgh in 1807 and the
24 comprehensive journals of Lewis and Clark were published by
25 Nicholas Biddle in Philadelphia in 1814; and

26 WHEREAS, Tourism is a major component of Pennsylvania's
27 economy; and

28 WHEREAS, The addition of Pennsylvania's 67 counties to the
29 Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail would greatly benefit
30 the tourism industry and overall economy of this Commonwealth;

1 therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives strongly urge the
3 National Park Service to complete the Eastern Legacy Special
4 Resource Study mandated by the Congress of the United States in
5 2008, and recommend inclusion of the Eastern Legacy sites,
6 including 67 Pennsylvania counties, in the Lewis and Clark
7 National Historic Trail; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
9 the following:

10 (1) Governor Tom Wolf.

11 (2) Secretary of Community and Economic Development
12 Dennis M. Davin.

13 (3) Members of the Pennsylvania's Congressional
14 Delegation.

15 (4) Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service,
16 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

17 (5) Cameron H. Sholly, Regional Director, Midwest
18 Region, National Park Service, 601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha,
19 NE 68102.

20 (6) James L. Mallory, Vice Chairman, Lewis and Clark
21 Trust, Inc., 1867 Bellefonte Drive, Lexington, KY 40503.