

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NOMINATION OF ROUTE 66 IN ILLINOIS

AS A

NATIONAL HISTORIC CIVIL ENGINEERING LANDMARK

1. **Whereas**, on December 23, 2020, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in the 116th Congress assembled adopted Public Law 116-256, entitled, "ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL COMMISSION ACT" establishing the Route 66 Centennial Commission;
2. **Whereas**, Congress found that Route 66 was the first all-weather highway in the United States connecting the Midwest to California, and has played a major role in the history of the United States;
3. **Whereas**, Route 66 has become a symbol of the heritage of travel and the legacy of seeking a better life shared by the people of the United States, and has been enshrined in the popular culture of the United States;
4. **Whereas**, the year 2026 will be the centennial anniversary of Route 66 and Congress has directed the Route 66 Centennial Commission to study and recommend to Congress activities that are fitting and proper to celebrate the anniversary in a manner that appropriately honors the Mother Road of the United States;
5. **Whereas**, Congress stipulates that the Route 66 Centennial Commission shall consist of 15 members to be appointed by the President of the United States as recommended by the Secretary of Transportation, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Governors of the states of Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California, the states through which Route 66 passes;
6. **Whereas**, the centennial is an opportunity to celebrate the important history of Route 66 in Illinois through commemorative, educational and community events, including programs and exhibits about the history of how local communities grew and changed with construction of the highway; the development of a modern transportation system; the cultural impact of Route 66 both within the United States and internationally; the portrayal of Route 66 in music, artwork and folklore; and how we maintain the mystique and appeal of Route 66 for future generations.

**RESOLVED**, that the Illinois Section Board of Directors of ASCE on behalf of their members in northern Illinois:

1. Recommends approval of the entirety of Route 66 in Illinois as a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark;
2. Supports the following Illinois appointments by the President of the United States to the Route 66 Centennial Commission: (1) Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko – Director of the Illinois State Museum and (2) William M. Thomas – Chairman of the Route 66 Road Ahead Partnership and Director of Economic Development of Logan County, Illinois.



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