

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0006

Tracks across Wyoming.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Meyer, Gilmore, Law,
Morgan and Nicholas and Senator(s) Burns and
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A Bill

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating Tracks Across Wyoming
2 corridor as a Wyoming state heritage corridor.

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4 WHEREAS, the Fifty-seventh Legislature of the state of
5 Wyoming recognizes that southern Wyoming is rich in the
6 diversity of our state's character through the interaction
7 of natural processes, distinctive landscapes, cultural
8 traditions and economic and social forces that have
9 combined to create a particular pattern of human settlement
10 and activity; and

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12 WHEREAS, in 1992, representatives from the cities and towns
13 in six (6) counties across southern Wyoming formed a
14 nonprofit organization, Tracks Across Wyoming, for the
15 purpose of developing a heritage corridor along the route

1 of the transcontinental railroad in southern Wyoming
2 running through Laramie, Albany, Carbon, Sweetwater,
3 Lincoln and Uinta Counties; and

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5 WHEREAS, this grassroots organization has adopted the
6 following in its brief history:

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8 1. Vision. The Wyoming Union Pacific corridor project
9 will preserve, interpret and celebrate Wyoming's historic
10 resources, natural beauty, quality of life and spirit. With
11 authentic preservation and interpretation of historic
12 sites, the corridor will be a "cerebral tourism"
13 experience, an opportunity for visitors to learn about the
14 rich history and culture of southern Wyoming. The
15 cooperative effort among communities will promote the image
16 of the southern tier within Wyoming and the nation, and
17 will contribute to the economic stability for the region.

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19 2. Mission Statement. Tracks Across Wyoming is a
20 partnership of the southern tier of Wyoming formed to
21 promote, preserve, enhance and interpret the historic
22 transcontinental transportation corridor for the purpose of
23 economic development, education and the celebration of our
24 heritage.

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2 WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is:

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4 1. To encourage appropriate partnerships among the
5 state of Wyoming and local governments, federal agencies,
6 nonprofit organizations and the private sector to preserve
7 and conserve those historical, economic, mineral and
8 cultural resources; and

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10 2. To educate the citizens of the state of Wyoming and
11 in particular those citizens residing in the six (6)
12 southernmost Wyoming counties as to the historical,
13 economic and cultural resources within the Tracks Across
14 Wyoming corridor; and

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16 3. To enrich and enhance the quality of life for the
17 present and future generations of this state; and

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19 4. To enlighten visitors as to the rich history of the
20 prehistoric migration, up to and including migration that
21 has crossed this corridor, including recognition and
22 celebration of southern Wyoming's six (6) historic trails,
23 the Oregon, California, Mormon, Overland, Pony Express and
24 Outlaw trails, and related stage stops, Union Pacific

1 Railroad sites including depots and roundhouses, mining and
2 timber camps, ranches, frontier and territorial prisons and
3 those remaining resources of the first United States
4 Transcontinental Highway and the Lincoln Highway; and

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6 5. To honor and preserve the downtown historic
7 districts and other listings on the National Register of
8 Historic Places in the corridor; and

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10 6. To recognize and capture the economic opportunities
11 that exist in the Tracks Across Wyoming corridor.

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13 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*
14 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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16 **Section 1.** That the Wyoming State Legislature
17 recognizes the vast richness of the historical, economic,
18 mineral and cultural resources of the southern corridor,
19 which encompasses Laramie, Albany, Carbon, Sweetwater,
20 Uinta and Lincoln counties, and hereby declares that
21 henceforth this corridor shall be designated as the Tracks
22 Across Wyoming State Heritage Corridor.

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1 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
2 transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor, members
3 of the Wyoming Transportation Commission and the director
4 of the Department of Transportation.

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