

STATE OF ILLINOIS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 0008

OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVES PATRICK J. VERSCHOORE-MIKE SMIDDY-CHARLES E. JEFFERSON-JOE SOSNOWSKI-TOM DEMMER, JOHN M. CABELLO AND JIM SACCIA

WHEREAS, The Rock River, known for its beauty and ecological importance, flows south through Rockford, then southwest across northwestern Illinois, passing Oregon, Dixon, Sterling, and Rock Falls before joining the Mississippi River at Rock Island; and

WHEREAS, The Rock River provides opportunities for conservation and recreation for many residents of this State; and

WHEREAS, The Rock River has had an important role in Illinois history, and it attracts many tourists each year to such spots as the area in Dixon where former President Ronald Reagan once served as a lifeguard and his favorite fishing spot, now called "Dutch Landing", located just southwest of Lowell Park; and

WHEREAS, Designating the roads along the Illinois portion of the Rock River Trail as a Scenic and Historic Route will encourage residents and visitors alike to explore, appreciate, and enjoy the many wonders of the Rock River; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Rock River Trail Scenic and Historic Route is designated as follows:

- (1) from the Illinois-Wisconsin State Line at Shirland Avenue, along South Bluff Road in Rockton Township to Rockton Road on County Highway 9;
- (2) along Rockton Road from South Bluff Road to Race Street in Rockton;
- (3) along Race Street from Rockton Road to West Main Street in Rockton;
- (4) along West Main Street from Race Street to South Blackhawk Boulevard;
- (5) along South Blackhawk Boulevard from West Main Street to Russell Street;
- (6) along Russell Street from South Blackhawk Boulevard to Old River Road;
- (7) along Old River Road from Russell Street to Latham Road;
- (8) along Latham Road from Old River Road to Illinois Route 2;
- (9) along Illinois Route 2 from Latham Road to Riverside Boulevard in Rockford;
- (10) along Riverside Boulevard from Illinois Route 2 to East Drive in Loves Park;
- (11) along East Drive from Riverside Boulevard to Evelyn Avenue;
- (12) along Evelyn Avenue from East Drive to Pearl Avenue;
- (13) along Pearl Avenue from Evelyn Avenue to Illinois Route 251;
- (14) along Illinois Route 251 from Pearl Avenue to Whitman Street;
- (15) along Whitman Street from Illinois Route 251 to North Main Street;
- (16) along North Main Street from Illinois Route 251 to Green Street;
- (17) along Green Street from North Main Street to Illinois Route 2 through the remainder of Winnebago County and through Ogle County and Lee County and Whiteside County to Illinois Route 40 in Sterling;
- (18) along Illinois Route 40 from Illinois Route 2 to US Route 30 in Rock Falls;
- (19) along US Route 30 from Illinois Route 40 to Moline Road;
- (20) along Moline Road from US Route 30 to Illinois Route 78 in Lyndon;
- (21) along Illinois Route 78 from Moline Road to West 3rd Street in Prophetstown;
- (22) along West 3rd Street from Illinois Route 78 to Grove Street;
- (23) along Grove Street from West 3rd Street to Springhill Road (County Road 3);
- (24) along Springhill Road from Grove Street to Banks Road (County Road 13);
- (25) along Banks Road from Springhill Road to Erie Road;
- (26) along Erie Road from Banks Road to Moline Road in Erie;
- (27) along Moline Road from Erie Road to Main Street in Hillsdale;
- (28) along Main Street from Moline Road to County Road V;

- (29) along County Road V from Main Street to County Road W;
- (30) along County Road W from County Road V to Illinois Route 92;
- (31) along Illinois Route 92 from County Road W to Illinois Route 82;
- (32) along Illinois Route 82 from Illinois Route 92 to Wolf Road (County Road 2);
- (33) along Wolf Road from Illinois Route 82 to Cleveland Road;
- (34) along Cleveland Road from Wolf Road to Illinois Route 84 in Colona and the Rock Island County Loop;
- (35) along Illinois Route 84 from Cleveland Road to US Route 6;
- (36) along US Route 6 from Illinois Route 84 to 27th Street in Moline;
- (37) along 27th Street from US Route 6 to Airport Road;
- (38) along Airport Road from 27th Street to US Route 67 in Milan;
- (39) along US Route 67 from Airport Road to 9th Street in Rock Island;
- (40) along 9th Street from US Route 67 to 31st Avenue;
- (41) along 31st Avenue from 9th Street to trailhead at Sunset Park and Marina and return on the Rock Island County Loop;
- (42) along 31st Avenue from Sunset Park and Marina to 9th Street;
- (43) along 9th Street from 31st Avenue to Blackhawk Road (Illinois Route 5);
- (44) along Blackhawk Road from 9th Street to John Deere Road in Moline (Illinois Route 5);
- (45) along John Deere Road from Blackhawk Road to Colona Road in Carbon Cliff;
- (46) along Colona Road from John Deere Road to Illinois Route 84; and
- (47) along Illinois Route 84 from Colona Road to Cleveland Road in Colona and the point of beginning of the Rock Island County Loop; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation and units of local government that maintain any portions of the Rock River Trail Scenic and Historic Route are requested to erect at suitable locations on their respective portions of the route, consistent with State and federal regulations, plaques or signs giving notice of the name; and be it further


RESOLVED, That units of local government that maintain any portion of the Rock River Trail Scenic and Historic Route are urged to enhance suitable areas along the route; and be it further

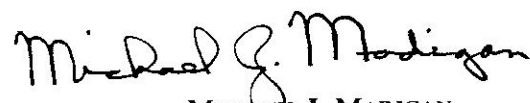
RESOLVED, That the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Illinois Office of Tourism are requested to post the Rock River Trail Scenic and Historic Route's location on their Agency websites, and the Illinois Office of Tourism is requested to produce and distribute brochures and other related matter that will make the route known to the public; and be it further


RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to the Illinois Secretary of Transportation, the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, the Illinois Office of Tourism, and to each of the local governments having jurisdiction over any portion of the route.

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON APRIL 30, 2013.

CONCURRED IN BY THE SENATE ON MAY 23, 2013.


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