

## House Resolution No. 2624

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those organizations which actively promote understanding and celebration of the diverse heritage embodied in the history of the Show-Me State; and

**Whereas**, the Wilderness Road Storytelling and Music Festival Committee of Kimberling City takes as its mission to preserve, promote, and celebrate the heritage of the mid-Ozarks through a Wilderness Road Festival which will advance the area's legacy through family-oriented, heritage-related activities at various venues along the historical Wilderness Road; and

**Whereas**, the Wilderness Road Storytelling and Music Festival Committee will sponsor the Wilderness Road Festival from June 3 to June 5, 2005, in Kimberling City, site of the Committee's headquarters at the Port of Kimberling; and

**Whereas**, the Wilderness Road Storytelling and Music Festival Committee is composed of founder Jim Barrett, acting Chair Jim Tesreau, Assistant Jim Wright, Secretary/Treasurer Alberta O'Day, Business Manager Bonnie Herrmann, and members Sam Clanton, Barb and Glenn Hicks, Jim Turner, Mike Price, Bob McGill, Dick Erickson, Kent Turner, Chuck Stone, Ted Herrmann, Jan Marino, and Gary Conway; and

**Whereas**, the Wilderness Road began as a trail made by buffalo and the Indians who hunted them; and

**Whereas**, the Wilderness Road was subsequently used by European pioneers and settlers whose horses and linchpin wagon wheels ground the trail into a road which served as the principal freight and travel route through the rugged hill country and vast wilderness between Springfield, Missouri, and Harrison, Arkansas; and

**Whereas**, much of the history of the old Wilderness Road was never recorded, and most of the landmarks have been obliterated by time and progress:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the diligent work of the Wilderness Road Storytelling and Music Festival Committee and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for unprecedented success with the 2005 Wilderness Road Festival; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Wilderness Road Storytelling and Music Festival Committee of Kimberling City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Dennis Wood  
District No. 62

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2624, adopted April 27, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker