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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, November 11, 2016 is the 90th anniversary of the
3 official designation of Route 66; and

4 WHEREAS, For many decades, Route 66 was the major highway
5 across the United States and through the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois had a major impact on Route 66; the route
7 begins in Chicago and Illinois was the first state to have the
8 route paved across an entire state; and

9 WHEREAS, Illinois Route 66's journey runs almost a 300-mile
10 stretch through numerous towns, eventually arriving in
11 Missouri before continuing on its way to Santa Monica,
12 California; and

13 WHEREAS, Since 1989, the Route 66 Association of Illinois
14 has been working to preserve and promote Route 66 in Illinois;
15 the group also established the Route 66 Association Hall of
16 Fame; and

17 WHEREAS, Illinois' section of Route 66 was decommissioned
18 in 1977, but the Prairie State's portion of the Mother Road
19 endures; although the road is often under new designations, all
20 but about 13 miles of the final alignment remains traversable;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, In 2005, the Illinois stretch of Route 66 received
3 National Scenic Byway status; the National Park Service Route
4 66 Corridor Preservation Program has awarded more than 23
5 cost-share grants to assist properties in Illinois; therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 celebrate the 90th anniversary of this famed highway and invite
10 the citizens of this State to join in celebrating this landmark
11 year; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the Route 66 Association of Illinois and the
14 Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway.