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By: Representative Willems

HOUSE RESOLUTION

SALUTING ARKANSAS' RARE AND HISTORIC WINE GROWING REGION
(ALTUS) AND ENCOURAGING THAT APPROPRIATE SIGNS BE ERECTED
AT THE BORDERS OF THE ALTUS VITICULTURAL AREA.

WHEREAS, the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly of the State of Arkansas recognizes that the viticultural area, or grape growing region of ALTUS has been producing some of America's finest wines for over one hundred (100) years; and

WHEREAS, the Altus Viticultural Area is a historically significant area in the United States, and is a source of pride to the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the wineries in the Altus Viticultural Area produce award winning wines made from grapes grown in the Altus area; and

WHEREAS, those wineries have won awards, ribbons, and medals in both national and international competition, including the European World Wine Fair; and

WHEREAS, the Altus Viticultural Area is an official United States Appellation of Origin; and

WHEREAS, because of the region's distinguishing features such as its geography, soil type, and history, it is set apart by the U. S. Government from the other grape growing regions such as the Burgundy and Champagne regions of France and the Napa Valley region of California; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately twelve thousand (12,000) acres included within the official borders of the Altus Viticultural Area; and

WHEREAS, the official boundaries of the area are described in Volume 49, No. 105 of the Federal Register of Wednesday, May 30, 1984; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes the fact that this wine growing region attracts significant numbers of tourists and visiting dignitaries to this State,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the Arkansas General Assembly hereby salutes, with great pride, the rare and historic Altus Viticultural Area, and encourages that appropriate signs be erected at the East and West borders of the area, along I-40 indicating to travelers that they are entering Arkansas' historic wine growing region known as Altus Viticultural Area.