

1 State of Arkansas  
2 80th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1995  
4 By: Representative DeLay

H.R. 1032

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS HERITAGE TO WORK  
9 WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAVING THE OLD  
10 WIRE ROADS USED BY THE BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND MAIL  
11 DESIGNATED AS HISTORIC ROADS AND TRAILS.

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14 **Subtitle**

15 CONCERNING THE OLD WIRE ROADS USED BY THE BUTTERFIELD  
16 OVERLAND MAIL.

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19 WHEREAS, the Old Wire Roads were used by the Butterfield Overland Mail  
20 during 1858 - 1860; and

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22 WHEREAS, this route was very important in the development of Arkansas  
23 and the west; and

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25 WHEREAS, the mail contract using this route was the first to provide  
26 service from the populated east all the way to San Francisco, California in  
27 less than thirty days; and

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29 WHEREAS, this route has two paths in Arkansas, causing the mail  
30 traveling from the north and that traveling from the south to merge at Fort  
31 Smith; and

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33 WHEREAS, the historical significance of the Old Wire Roads used by the  
34 Butterfield Overland Mail warrants its designation by the federal government  
35 as Historic Roads and Trails,

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NOW THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTIETH GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the Arkansas  
General Assembly recognize the Old Wire Roads used by the Butterfield  
Overland Mail as an important part of the history of our state and nation and  
request the Arkansas Department of Heritage to work with federal agencies for  
the purpose of seeking the designation of the roads as Historic Roads and  
Trails.

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