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10 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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13 ARKANSAS AS A PART OF THE TRAIL OF TEARS NATIONAL
14 HISTORIC TRAIL.

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16 **Subtitle**

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24 WHEREAS, in 1987 the U. S. Congress passed Public Law 100-192 which
25 called for the land routes and water routes of Cherokee removal in 1838 to
26 become a part of the National Historic Trails System; and

27 WHEREAS, two of the four routes have been so designated; and

28 WHEREAS, the other two routes, known by the names of the groups'
29 conductors, are the Benge Route and the Bell Route; and

30 WHEREAS, neither the Benge Route nor Bell Route have to date been
31 designated or accepted as a part of the Trail of Tears National Historic
32 Trail; and

33 WHEREAS, a national historic trail designation traversing the Ozarks
34 would attract people and be a boost to tourism within the State of Arkansas;

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36 NOW THEREFORE,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

3 That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby requested to include the
4 routes of the John Benge Group and the John Bell Group across the State of
5 Arkansas as a part of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this Resolution, the Chief
7 Clerk of the House shall transmit a copy hereof to the Secretary of the
8 Interior.