| 1 | State of Arkansas | A Bill | |
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| 2 | 87th General Assembly | A DIII | HOUSE DILL 1927 |
| 3 | Regular Session, 2009 | | HOUSE BILL 1837 |
| 4 5 | By: Representatives I Roge | ers, Cook, Carroll, J. Dickinson, Moore, Pierce | |
| 6 | By: Senators R. Thompson, | | |
| 7 | by. Schators R. Thompson, | D. Wyatt | |
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| 9 | | For An Act To Be Entitled | |
| 10 | AN ACT | TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 67 | AS |
| 11 | ROCK '1 | N' ROLL HIGHWAY 67; AND FOR OTHER PURP | OSES. |
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| 14 | TO I | DESIGNATE A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 67 AS | |
| 15 | ROCE | K 'N' ROLL HIGHWAY 67. | |
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| 18 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE | GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKAI | NSAS: |
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| 20 | SECTION 1. NOT | TO BE CODIFIED. <u>Legislative findings</u> | <u>s:</u> |
| 21 | The General Ass | sembly finds that: | |
| 22 | <u>(1) Arka</u> | unsas has a great and varied music her | <u>itage;</u> |
| 23 | <u>(2) The</u> | heritage includes a new type of music | that emerged in |
| 24 | the 1940s and 1950s o | called "rock 'n' roll"; | |
| 25 | <u>(3) Some</u> | e of the early "rock 'n' roll" legends | that regularly |
| 26 | | through Jackson County, Lawrence County | y, and Randolph |
| 27 | | eir new type of music included: | |
| 28 | <u>(A)</u> | | |
| 29 | <u>(B)</u> | | |
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| 35 | (H) | | daroid Jenkins; |
| 36 | (I) | Charlie Rich; | |

| 1 | (J) Ace Cannon; |
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| 2 | (K) Bobby Lee Trammell, a former Arkansas State |
| 3 | Representative, who had a hit known as "Arkansas Twist"; |
| 4 | (L) Fats Domino; and |
| 5 | (M) The many others who played this route that contributed |
| 6 | to the birth of rock 'n' roll. |
| 7 | (4) The live performances by the rock 'n' roll legends were at |
| 8 | many establishments along Highway 67 including: |
| 9 | (A) The Silver Moon in Newport; |
| 10 | (B) Porky's Rooftop in Newport; |
| 11 | (C) Jarvis' Club in Newport; |
| 12 | (D) Woody's Club in Newport; |
| 13 | (E) The Newport Armory; |
| 14 | (F) Charley's Place in Swifton; |
| 15 | (G) B and I Club, later known as Bob King's Club and |
| 16 | King's Capri Club between Swifton and Alicia; |
| 17 | (H) Mike's 67 Club between Swifton and Alicia; |
| 18 | (I) The Walnut Ridge Community Center; and |
| 19 | (J) On the top of the Skyview Drive-in Theater in |
| 20 | Pocahontas; |
| 21 | (5) While academics and historians have indicated that a change |
| 22 | in the name of this music to "rockabilly" should be made, everyone who lived, |
| 23 | breathed, and rocked during this time called the music rock 'n' roll; and |
| 24 | (6) To honor our rock 'n' roll music heritage and all of those |
| 25 | who enjoyed it then and continue to enjoy it today, the route that these |
| 26 | legendary performers regularly made on Highway 67 through Jackson County, |
| 27 | Lawrence County, and Randolph County should be recognized by officially |
| 28 | naming it "Rock 'n' Roll Highway 67". |
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| 30 | SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 67, Subchapter 2 is amended |
| 31 | to add an additional section to read as follows: |
| 32 | 27-67-223. Rock 'n' Roll Highway 67. |
| 33 | (a) The route along Highway 67 through Jackson County, Lawrence |
| 34 | County, and Randolph County regularly traveled by the great legends of early |
| 35 | rock 'n' roll is hereby designated "Rock 'n' Roll Highway 67". |
| 36 | (b) The State Highway and Transportation Department shall erect |

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| 2 | and | Randolpl | n County | designating | the | route | as | "Rock | 'n, | Rol1 | Highway | 67 ". |
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