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# S. J. RES. 97

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

To commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Oregon Trail.

Whereas, of all the western trails used by fur traders, gold seekers, missionaries, and emigrants, the Oregon Trail was the most important to the western settlement of this great Nation;

Whereas, in the year 1843, the first major wave of humanity left Independence, Missouri and travelled 2,170 miles in covered wagons across sagebrush, plains, mountains, and rivers to the Willamette Valley in Oregon Territory;

Whereas over 400,000 men, women, and children risked their lives in this greatest migration in American history;

Whereas this Nation was expanded from ocean to ocean, as settlement of the Old Oregon Territory forced Great Britain to relinquish this land to the United States;

Whereas the pioneering spirit of the Oregon Trail emigrants embodies the spirit of the American people;

