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H. RES. 591

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the National Park Service should form a committee for the purpose of establishing guidelines to launch a national design competition.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 16, 2002

Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. CLAY, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. HULSHOF, and Mr. SKELTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

RESOLUTION

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Whereas President Thomas Jefferson received the approval of Congress on 6 February 28, 1803, to fund an expedition into the West with orders to explore the Missouri River and such tributaries as might lead to the Pacific Ocean on the most direct and practicable water route for purposes of commerce, in addition to which, the expedition was to gather scientific and geographical information, and to encourage peace among any Indian Nations encountered;

Whereas Meriwether Lewis, Captain of the First Regiment of Infantry, and former Secretary to President Jefferson, was appointed to lead the expedition, and he selected, with the approval of the President, William Clark to serve equally as a Captain in a leadership role;

Whereas the Expedition returned to St. Louis, Missouri, on September 23, 1806, after a 28-month journey covering 8,000 miles during which it traversed 11 future States: Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon; and

Whereas the expedition was one of the most remarkable and productive scientific and military exploratory expeditions in all American history: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives directs
 2 the National Park Service to form a committee for the
 3 purpose of establishing guidelines to launch a national de-
 4 sign competition for the following project: In as much as
 5 Congress desires to memorialize the Lewis and Clark Ex-
 6 pedition and because the City of Louis was the departing
 7 and returning points of the Expedition as depicted by its
 8 Gateway to the West Arch, therefore the City of St. Louis
 9 should display a proper recognition of these great men in
 10 the form of a heroic sculpture portraying the Expedition
 11 to be built in the Luther Ely Smith Park in downtown
 12 St. Louis, which lies between the Arch and the Old Court-
 13 house, all now governed by the National Park Service.

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