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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 81

RECOGNIZING DELAWARE'S BYWAYS PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, Delaware Byways Program began in 2000 when the Delaware General Assembly passed Senate Bill
2 320 authorizing DelDOT to establish what was then known as the Delaware Scenic and Historic Highways Program; and

3 WHEREAS, certain portions of the State highway system are notable for their scenic, historic, recreational,
4 cultural or archaeological value and worthy of designation as Delaware byways to provide special consideration of the
5 unique features and special role in the highway system; and

6 WHEREAS, the public interest would be served by the formation of a coordinated scenic highway program to
7 enhance recreational, cultural and archaeological resources, encourage development through tourism, and educate residents
8 and visitors on the history, culture and natural beauty of this State; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the Delaware State Tourism Office, one of the best ways to experience Delaware's
10 beauty is taking a road trip along Delaware's Scenic Drives and Byways for a pleasantly convenient perspective on
11 Delaware's most beautiful countryside. Delaware's six officially-designated 'Byway' roadway routes – winding through
12 some of Delaware's most charming small towns and frozen-in-time scenic landscapes – are: Brandywine Valley National
13 Scenic Byway, Red Clay Scenic Byway, Delaware's Bayshore Byway, Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway, □
14 Historic Lewes Byway, Gateway to the Bayshore, and Nanticoke Heritage Byway; and

15 WHEREAS, the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway covers the cityscape of Wilmington and the rural
16 countryside, showcasing 300 years of history and encompassing three centuries of American industrial history; and

17 WHEREAS, the Red Clay Scenic Byway is comprised of 28 secondary roads within the Red Clay Creek
18 watershed, and is the first in the U.S. to be based on the watershed model, strengthening the communities' ability to protect
19 the water quality of Red Clay Creek by preserving the land in the watershed; and

20 WHEREAS, Delaware's Bayshore Byway is a scenic, two-lane road that follows along the Delaware River and
21 Bay Estuary, offering an intimate experience with the largest preserved coastal marshland on the east coast; and

22 WHEREAS, the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway is a scenic route through beautiful and diverse
23 Delaware countryside, beginning at the terminus of Maryland's Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway, continuing

24 through Kent county, commemorating Harriet Tubman’s heroic efforts to lead slaves from the South to Freedom and
25 highlighting sites of abolitionist activities and legal actions through which Underground Railroad travelers and conductors
26 moved; and

27 WHEREAS, the Historic Lewes Byway, Gateway to the Bayshore runs through an almost 400-year history of the
28 First Town in the First State; and

29 WHEREAS, the Nanticoke Heritage Byway is a 35-mile route across western Sussex County with three small
30 towns, all located on what was once major inland shipping routes; and

31 WHEREAS, the “Byway Buck” coupon found on DelDOT’s Byways website main page, is a voucher that can be
32 used at small, locally-owned Byway-side shops, restaurants, and attractions for a variety of special offers, experiencing the
33 tax-free shopping and dining – and hometown hospitality – that make the First State one of a kind.

34 NOW, THEREFORE:

35 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
36 Senate concurring therein, that we recognize Delaware’s Byways Program as one of the best ways to experience
37 Delaware’s beauty, and we encourage travelers to participate in the Byway Bucks Program.

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution recognizes Delaware's Byways Program as one of the best ways to experience Delaware's beauty.