

House Engrossed
Route 66 centennial

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2003

A RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC ROUTE 66.

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1 Whereas, the roads and thoroughfares that became Route 66 began as
2 trading routes for the original inhabitants of the land, connecting
3 peoples from time immemorial; and

4 Whereas, 2026 marks the momentous centennial of the establishment of
5 U.S. Route 66, a highway that became an enduring symbol of American
6 freedom, adventure and connectivity; and

7 Whereas, Route 66 has been the Mother Road for generations of
8 Americans, immortalized in films, literature and songs; and

9 Whereas, Arizona is home to the longest continuously preserved
10 stretch of Historic Route 66, a testament to the dedication of its
11 communities in safeguarding this iconic roadway for future generations;
12 and

13 Whereas, the rich history and cultural significance of Route 66,
14 particularly within the diverse landscapes and welcoming communities of
15 Arizona, continue to attract travelers from around the world, contributing
16 significantly to the state's tourism and economy; and

17 Whereas, Arizonans and travelers from across the country and the
18 world should feel invited to Arizona to celebrate and explore the enduring
19 legacy of the Mother Road within our great state; and

20 Whereas, Route 66 has played a significant role in the history and
21 economic development of Arizona and its communities. Multiple properties
22 along this roadway are listed in the National Register of Historic Places,
23 attesting to the cultural, architectural and historical significance of
24 these properties within their communities as well as within this state and
25 national consciousness; and

26 Whereas, Arizona's portion of Route 66, with its iconic landmarks,
27 vibrant communities and colorful characters, continues to endure as a
28 beloved travel destination, promising an authentic journey into America's
29 past for current and future generations of adventurers and history
30 enthusiasts alike; and

31 Whereas, preservation of these historic resources is essential to
32 ensuring the promotion of Route 66 communities' shared heritage, vitality
33 and current and future economic growth.

34 Therefore

35 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

36 That the Members of the House of Representatives recognize the 100th
37 anniversary of Route 66 and encourage Arizonans and visitors from across
38 the country and globe to participate in the centennial celebrations across
39 Arizona's stretch of the Mother Road.