

HCR 13 -- Redline

As Adopted by the House to Enrolled -- Urge Congress to designate Buckeye Trail a National Scenic Trail

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~~As(136th AdoptedGeneralAssembly) by(House Concurrent Resolution Number 13) ACONCURRENT RESOLUTION To~~
~~urge Congress to designate the HouseBuckeye 136thTrail Generalas Assemblya RegularNational SessionScenic~~
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Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio (the Senate concurring):

WHEREAS, National Scenic Trails are routes, designated by Congress, that traverse some of the most
breathtaking landscapes in the United States, providing unique opportunities for hiking, biking, and
experiencing nature.

These trails are recognized for their outstanding scenic, natural, and recreational values, often
showcasing diverse ecosystems, picturesque vistas, and cultural heritage along their paths;

and WHEREAS, National Scenic Trails, like theAppalachian Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail, are managed
by various federal and state agencies and offer well-maintained paths that attract outdoor enthusiasts
from across the country.

They often intersect with local communities and provide significant economic benefits through tourism;
and WHEREAS, The Buckeye Trail is an existing long-distance hiking trail that creates a loop extending
approximately 1,454 miles from Lake Erie to the Ohio River, through the farmland of northwest Ohio, the
hills ofAppalachia, the Black Hand sandstone cliffs of the Hocking Hills region, and the Bluegrass
region of southwest Ohio;

and WHEREAS, The Buckeye Trail was established in 1959 by the Buckeye TrailAssociation, a nonprofit
organization that currently administers the trail;

and WHEREAS, The National Park Service is conducting a study to provide information to Congress on the
feasibility and desirability of designating the Buckeye Trail as a National Scenic Trail.

By objectively examining established criteria, the National Park Service's study will assess how well
the trail aligns with the federal designation requirements, which emphasize public access to and the
preservation and conservation of the trail's unique characteristics;

and WHEREAS,At the conclusion of the study, the National Park Service will submit its findings to the
Secretary of the Interior, who then makes a recommendation to Congress for consideration;

now therefore be it RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th GeneralAssembly of the State of Ohio,
upon completion of the feasibility study, urge Congress to designate the Buckeye Trail as a National
Scenic Trail;

and be it further RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated
copies of this resolution to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate,
Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, members of Ohio's Congressional
delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

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~~13 2025-2026136th RepresentativesG.A.-Hoops, Robinson Cosponsors:~~

~~RepresentativesSpeaker Grim, _____ Rader,of Piccolantonio, Lett, Lorenz, Daniels, McNally,~~
~~Miller, M., Brennan, Pizzulli, Mathews, A., Jones, Troy, Bird, Synenberg, Hiner, Salvo, Johnson,~~
~~Workman, Abdullahi, Abrams, Barhorst, Brent, Brewer, Brownlee, Callender, Claggett, Click, Cockley,~~
~~Deoter, Denson, Dovilla, Fischer, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Hall, D., Jarrells, King, Kishman,~~
~~Klopfenstein, Lawson- Rowe, Manning, Mathews, T., Miller, J., Mohamed, Newman, Peterson, Plummer, Ray,~~
~~Robb Blasdel, Roemer, Rogers, Russo, Schmidt, Sigrist, Sims, Thomas, C., Upchurch, White, A., White, E.,~~
~~Williams, Willis A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N To urge Congress to designate the~~
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~~13 Page 3 As Adopted by the House Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, 44 members of Ohio's Congressional delegation, and the news media 45 of Ohio.~~

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