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House Joint Memorial 6

Sponsored by Representative BRUUN

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the National Park Service's Special Resource Study titled "Ice Age Floods Study of Alternatives and Environmental Assessment: Following the Pathways of the Glacial Lake Missoula Floods" recommends that the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail be established by the Congress of the United States of America to follow the floods' pathways; and

Whereas the floods are responsible for shaping a fascinating landscape that spans much of Oregon, from Juniper Canyon in the northeast to the cities of Astoria and Warrenton on the Pacific coast; and

Whereas the Willamette Meteorite, which weighs 31,107 pounds and is the largest meteorite ever found in the United States, was found two miles northwest of West Linn, Oregon, in 1902, at an elevation of 380 feet above sea level and was apparently carried by an iceberg along with other granite flood borne erratics from either the Cordilleran ice sheet or the Purcell lobe in British Columbia to the Willamette Valley in one of the great ice age floods; and

Whereas the landscape and its natural history stimulate interest in the region and benefit local economies by attracting recreationists, tourists and scientists; and

Whereas many of the locations for proposed touring routes, interpretive facilities and other resources related to the ice age floods are already on public lands and near, or visible from, public roadways; and

Whereas the trail, as envisioned, is to be a collaborative effort of public and private entities coordinated by the National Park Service; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, respectfully request that the Congress of the United States support the establishment of the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by House March 7, 2007

Readopted by House May 1, 2007

Chief Clerk of House

Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate April 24, 2007

President of Senate