

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

WHEREAS, the over-2,000 miles of Route 66 is now a tourist attraction because it was how America traveled in the 1920's-60's and is full of old trading posts, gas stations, motels, diners and villages; and

WHEREAS, Missouri was the third state to completely pave its portion of "Route 66" and the highway runs through the City of Cuba, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Viva Cuba, Incorporated, was established to oversee the painting of artistic and historical murals upon walls along "Route 66" within the City of Cuba and is the driving force behind this magnificent project; and

WHEREAS, the Viva Cuba committee has set a goal of completing 12 wall murals along the historic highway by 2007, which is also the City of Cuba's 150th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, one of the murals will depict "the Blue Bonnet" a World War II era steam engine train and another will feature faces of veterans of Crawford County from World War II; and

WHEREAS, an educational television crew from KET in Kentucky chose Cuba as one of only four cities on "Route 66" to film and recently spent time there filming the city with a major portion of their coverage about the mural project; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2001, the City of Cuba's Mayor John Koch proclaimed the city "Route 66 Mural City":

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Senate of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby request the Governor to bestow the pseudonym of "Route 66 City of Murals" to the City of Cuba, Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Governor and the Mayor of the City of Cuba.

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