

Reps. Cushingberry, Moss, Ball, Barnett, Lisa Brown, Terry Brown, Constan, Dean, Durhal, Gonzales, Gregory, Haase, Hansen, Haugh, Huckleberry, Robert Jones, Kowall, Lahti, LeBlanc, Leland, Lemmons, Lipton, Liss, Marleau, Mayes, Neumann, Polidori, Sheltroun, Switalski and Womack offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 15.

A resolution to urge the Federal Highway Administration to designate Woodward Avenue an All-American Road under its Scenic Byways Program.

Whereas, The All-American Roads and Scenic Byways program helps preserve the beauty and importance of roads that have become American icons because of their scenic, natural, historic, cultural, archeological, or recreational qualities. A grant program was created to help preserve and protect these designated roads and byways and to promote tourism and economic development; and

Whereas, All-American Roads are destinations unto themselves and provide a unique American driving experience. Travelers on these roads can look into the heart and soul of America and connect with the stories which have made America what it is today. All-American roads have a special quality that is not duplicated anywhere else in the United States; and

Whereas, Woodward Avenue has a unique automobile heritage that has had a global influence. It is a story of innovation, ingenuity, and creativity that is appealing to both a national and international audience. Piquette, Henry Ford's first factory where the Model T was born, Ford Highland Park, and General Motors World Headquarters are witnesses to the birth of the modern assembly line and the perfection of mass production on Woodward Avenue. This heritage is celebrated today in the annual Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise, which draws millions of automobile enthusiasts to Woodward Avenue every summer; and

Whereas, The Woodward Avenue story is not just one of automobile heritage, but also of a creative and innovative automotive future. Research into alternative fuels and other new technologies is happening along Woodward Avenue at Next Energy, Wayne State University, Tech Town, the College of Creative Studies, Cranbrook, and a number of other emerging creative sector companies. Add to that the robust music heritage and world class cultural institutions along Woodward Avenue, and it becomes a truly unique international travel destination; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Federal Highway Administration to designate Woodward Avenue an All-American Road under its Scenic Byways Program; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Federal Highway Administration.