

Mississippi River Parkway Commission
Resolution Re: Funding for National Scenic Byways Programs
July 10, 2020

Whereas H.R. 2 passed on July 1, 2020 and included language to fund the reinstated National Scenic Byway program for five years at a total level of \$325 million; and...

Whereas, the Great River Road in all 10 Mississippi River states is a National Scenic Byway and its 10 member commissions would be eligible to apply for this funding to support long-overdue projects that will most likely include planning, interpretation, wayshowing and marketing; and...

Whereas, the Great River Road, collectively, is the longest National Scenic Byway and arguably one of the nation's most significant National Scenic Byways, as well as a pending applicant for All-American Road status; and...

Whereas, previous National Scenic Byway funding between 1992 and 2012 resulted in roughly \$33.8 million* in investments across all ten states and especially benefitted small river communities; therefore...

The 10-state Mississippi River Parkway Commission commends the Mississippi River U.S. House of Representative members on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for their support of this legislation, especially Rep. Rodney Davis, Ill., along with Representatives Daniel Lipinski, Ill., Steve Cohen, Tenn., Abby Finkenauer, Ia., Jesus Garcia, Ill., Angie Craig, Minn., Sam Graves, Mo., Rick Crawford, Ark., Thomas Massie, Ky., Garret Graves, La., Mike Bost, Ill., Bruce Westerman, Ark., Mike Gallagher, Wisc., and Pete Stauber, Minn., and, furthermore...

The Mississippi River Parkway Commission urges U.S. Senators Klobuchar, Smith, Baldwin, Johnson, Ernst, Grassley, Duckworth, Durbin, Blunt, Hawley, McConnell, Paul, Alexander, Blackburn, Boozman, Cotton, Hyde-Smith, Wicker, Cassidy and Kennedy – all U. S. Senators living in Great River Road states – to support similar language when and if it appears as part of upcoming U.S. Senate legislation to address U.S. transportation and/or economic recovery.

*Unverified