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HOUSE BILL DRH40416-MWa-10A

Short Title: Lafayette Trail Highway Markers. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hardister, Szoka, Iler, and Richardson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE AND ERECT HIGHWAY MARKERS TO COMMEMORATE
3 AND RECOGNIZE THE LAFAYETTE TRAIL.

4 Whereas, the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution will be celebrated
5 commencing in 2026; and

6 Whereas, the Marquis de Lafayette, a Frenchman, was instrumental in securing the
7 support of France in the colonies' struggle for independence and fought bravely alongside
8 Americans on the battlefield; and

9 Whereas, the Marquis de Lafayette returned to the United States in 1825 to travel the
10 country and to visit his former comrades in arms, which included traveling through North
11 Carolina; and

12 Whereas, the 200th anniversary of the Marquis de Lafayette's return to the United
13 States will be celebrated in 2025; and

14 Whereas, it is fitting that the State should recognize the contributions of the Marquis
15 de Lafayette to the American Revolution, a period of war and uncertainty which led to the
16 freedoms we now enjoy as Americans and North Carolinians; and

17 Whereas, the Department of Transportation is in a unique position to erect suitable
18 highway markers in locations across the State that will ensure citizens of and visitors to our State
19 will be informed about the significant contributions the Marquis de Lafayette made in the fight
20 for American independence; Now, therefore,
21 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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23 **TITLE OF THE ACT**

24 **SECTION 1.** This act may be cited as the "Recognition of the Lafayette Trail Act."
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26 **DESIGNATE ROADS AS THE LAFAYETTE TRAIL**

27 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Transportation shall designate the following road
28 portions as the Lafayette Trail:

- 29 (1) The portion of U.S. Highway 158 beginning in the Town of Murfreesboro and
30 continuing westerly until the intersection with Barrows Mill Road past the
31 Town of Jackson.
- 32 (2) The portion of U.S. Highway 258 beginning in the Town of Como at the
33 intersection with Mill Neck Road and continuing southward until the
34 intersection with Hill Ferry Road.



- 1 (3) The portion of U.S. Highway 301 beginning in the Town of Halifax at the
2 intersection with South King Street and continuing southward until the
3 intersection with Benvenue Road in the City of Rocky Mount.
- 4 (4) The portion of N.C. Highway 97 beginning in the City of Rocky Mount at the
5 intersection of South Franklin Street continuing westerly until the intersection
6 with Old Bunn Road in the Town of Zebulon.
- 7 (5) The portion of State Road 2320 beginning in the Town of Zebulon at the
8 intersection with N.C. Highway 97 continuing westerly until the intersection
9 with U.S. Highway 401 in the Town of Wake Forest.
- 10 (6) The portion of U.S. Highway 401 beginning at the intersection with Mitchell
11 Mill Road in the Town of Wake Forest and continuing southward until the
12 intersection with Wake Forest Road in the City of Raleigh.
- 13 (7) The portion of U.S. Highway 401 beginning in the City of Raleigh at the
14 intersection with South Wilmington Street and continuing southward until the
15 intersection with Old Stage Road in the City of Raleigh.
- 16 (8) The portion of State Road 1006 beginning in the City of Raleigh at the
17 intersection with Fayetteville Road and continuing southward until the
18 intersection with N.C. Highway 27.
- 19 (9) The portion of N.C. Highway 27 beginning in the Town of Lillington at the
20 intersection with Leslie Campbell Avenue continuing southward until the
21 intersection with U.S. Highway 421.
- 22 (10) The portion of U.S. Highway 421 beginning in the Town of Lillington at the
23 intersection with N.C. Highway 27 continuing easterly until the intersection
24 with State Road 1769.
- 25 (11) The portion of State Road 1769 beginning in the Town of Lillington at the
26 intersection with U.S. Highway 421 continuing southward until the
27 intersection with North 13th Street in the Town of Erwin.
- 28 (12) The portion of N.C. Highway 82 beginning in the Town of Erwin at the
29 intersection with Iris Bryant Road continuing southward until the intersection
30 with State Road 1812 in the Town of Godwin.
- 31 (13) The portion of State Road 1812 beginning in the Town of Godwin at the
32 intersection with N.C. Highway 82 continuing southward until the intersection
33 with State Road 1802 in the Town of Godwin.
- 34 (14) The portion of State Road 1802 beginning in the Town of Godwin at the
35 intersection with N.C. Highway 82 continuing southward until the intersection
36 with U.S. Highway 301 in the Town of Wade.
- 37 (15) The portion of U.S. Highway 301 beginning in the Town of Wade at the
38 intersection with State Road 1802 continuing southward until the intersection
39 with Church Street in the Town of Wade.
- 40 (16) The portion of State Road 1714 beginning in the Town of Wade at the
41 intersection with U.S. Highway 301 continuing westward until the
42 intersection with Middle Road in the City of Fayetteville.
- 43 (17) The portion of State Road 1006 beginning in the City of Fayetteville at the
44 intersection with Dunn Road continuing westward until the intersection with
45 Hay Street in the City of Fayetteville.
- 46 (18) The portion of State Road 1003 beginning in the City of Fayetteville at the
47 intersection with Cumberland Road continuing southwestward until the
48 intersection with State Road 1105 in the Town of Lumber Bridge.
- 49 (19) The portion of State Road 1105 beginning in the Town of Lumber Bridge at
50 the intersection with Cumberland Road continuing westerly until the
51 intersection with Spring Hill Road in the Town of Red Springs.

- 1 (20) The portion of State Road 1405 beginning in the Town of Wagram at the
- 2 intersection with U.S. Highway 401 continuing westerly until the intersection
- 3 with State Road 1319 in the unincorporated community of Laurel Hill.
- 4 (21) The portion of State Road 1152 beginning in the unincorporated community
- 5 of Laurel Hill at the intersection with U.S. Highway 74 continuing westerly
- 6 until the South Carolina state line.
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8 **APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY MARKERS**

9 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the Highway Fund to the Department of
10 Transportation the sum of eighty-four thousand dollars (\$84,000) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year
11 in nonrecurring funds for the purpose of having manufactured 42 highway markers bearing the
12 Lafayette Trail logo used by the American Friends of Lafayette.

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14 **SIGN LOCATIONS AND STANDARDS**

15 **SECTION 4.(a)** The Department of Transportation shall, in consultation with the
16 American Friends of Lafayette, determine the exact location where the highway markers
17 authorized in Section 3 of this act shall be erected. All highway markers authorized by this act
18 shall be erected and maintained by the Department of Transportation.

19 **SECTION 4.(b)** All highway markers designed, manufactured, and erected, as
20 authorized in this act, shall conform with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for
21 Streets and Highways, published by the United States Department of Transportation, and any
22 supplement to that Manual adopted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

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24 **COMMITTEE REPORT**

25 **SECTION 5.** The Department of Transportation shall report to the Joint Legislative
26 Transportation Oversight Committee on the use of the funds appropriated in this act by March 1
27 of each year until the funds are spent or have reverted.

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29 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

30 **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.