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8 RECOGNIZING THE BLOUNTSVILLE HISTORICAL PARK AS A
9 STATE HISTORICAL SITE.

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11 WHEREAS, the Blountsville Historical Park originated
12 as an ancient trail used by Native Americans; and

13 WHEREAS, the well-traveled trail became the main
14 thoroughfare for the Town of Blountsville and was known in
15 1813 as Bear Meat Cabin Road; and

16 WHEREAS, by 1818, the thoroughfare gained
17 recognition as a prominent trade route for the Alabama
18 Territory and was known as the St. Stephens-Huntsville Road;
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20 WHEREAS, the St. Stephens-Huntsville Road was
21 designated as the post road in 1822 and was part of the mail
22 route between New Orleans and Cincinnati, where Alabama's
23 first stage line traveled; and

24 WHEREAS, between 1816 and 1818, thousands of
25 settlers from the Carolinas and Tennessee traveled along the
26 St. Stephens-Huntsville Road into Alabama; the term "Alabama

1 Fever" was coined to describe the emotions that led to the
2 great migration to Alabama during this era; and

3 WHEREAS, the newcomers desired to obtain land grants
4 and claim property in an effort to start a new life; in 1813,
5 800 volunteers from Tennessee, including David Crockett,
6 traveled the St. Stephens-Huntsville Road to join General
7 Andrew Jackson at Gunter's Landing; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize the
10 Blountsville Historical Park as a state historical site and
11 request that it be placed on the State Registry of Historic
12 Places.