

1 HJR314  
2 185439-2  
3 By Representatives Shedd, Standridge, Rowe and Ainsworth  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 18-APR-17

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 RECOGNIZING THE BLOUNTSVILLE HISTORICAL PARK AS A  
4 STATE HISTORICAL SITE.

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

8 WHEREAS, the well-traveled trail became the main  
9 thoroughfare for the Town of Blountsville and was known in  
10 1813 as Bear Meat Cabin Road; and

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

19 WHEREAS, between 1816 and 1818, thousands of  
20 settlers from the Carolinas and Tennessee traveled along the  
21 St. Stephens-Huntsville Road into Alabama; the term "Alabama  
22 Fever" was coined to describe the emotions that led to the  
23 great migration to Alabama during this era; and

24 WHEREAS, the newcomers desired to obtain land grants  
25 and claim property in an effort to start a new life; in 1813,

1       800 volunteers from Tennessee, including David Crockett,  
2       traveled the St. Stephens-Huntsville Road to join General  
3       Andrew Jackson at Gunter's Landing; now therefore,

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

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
9 and was adopted by the House 20-APR-17.

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