

RESOLUTIONS REQUESTING THAT THE NAME OF THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL BE NOT DISTURBED IN TEXAS BUT SUPPORTED AND CONTINUED IN THE INTEREST OF THE GREAT HIGHWAY PROJECT RECOGNIZED AND ESTABLISHED FROM ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

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The Galveston Auto Protective Association in meeting May 25, 1925, unanimously adopted the following resolutions and requested them to be submitted to the Governor, the Highway Commission and to the press.

WHEREAS, the Old Spanish Trail has been under development as a national highway for ten years and as such has been recognized by the states through which it passes and by the United States as the basic trunkline of the South crossing the continent from St. Augustine, Florida to San Diego, California, and

WHEREAS, citizens of Galveston as early as 1917 joined with citizens of Houston, Beaumont and Orange and the Louisiana cities in scouting conditions between Houston and New Orleans as its part at that period in working out the transcontinental route, and this at costs which involved shipping the cars back from New Orleans by train, and

WHEREAS, through the succeeding years all the southern borderland cities and towns have helped to carry through this great trunkline project that the people of the nation might be brought to and spend their money and time in this southern country, and

WHEREAS, it is reported the State Highway Commission has voted or announced that the section of this highway across Texas should be named the "Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway" thus aiming at the destruction of ten years work by Texas citizens and involving Texans in bad faith with sister states,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we unanimously request the State Highway Commission to publicly declare the Old Spanish Trail name across Texas shall remain as planned and that the Highway Department will continue cooperation with sister states to build a nationally known trunkline over this route across the continent, and to cooperate in every possible way to establish the Old Spanish Trail as a great southern trunkline, and to refuse recognition to any group or interest seeking to fasten other names upon the highway and thus cause confusion to travelers and discouragement to the men and women who have worked so long to create the Old Spanish Trail as the connecting artery between Florida and California.