

RESOLUTION

Presented by W. B. Gill, Manager, Association of Commerce, Crowley, Louisiana, and Secretary, Louisiana Division, Old Spanish Trail Association.

WHEREAS: The Old Spanish Trail presents an all-weather and all-year Transcontinental Highway operating between St. Augustin, Florida and San Diego, California, and with few exceptions at isolated locations in process of being improved, is paved and graveled or other improved surfacing is available over the entire route, and

WHEREAS: An organization known as the Old Spanish Trail Association, with headquarters at San Antonio, Texas, has been engaged for over ten years in a program of promotional effort and general endeavor in the interest of development of the Trail and has successfully accomplished the purposes underlying the organization to the extent that it is no longer necessary to maintain the same character of organization and expense necessary during the initial and promotional period of the Trail, and

WHEREAS: A tentative survey of cities and towns on the Old Spanish Trail in Louisiana and Texas evidences a desire on the part of such communities to assist in plans for publicity and various methods and means to attract travel movement to the Old Spanish Trail, if an acceptable plan or form of organization is provided to carry on this work, and

WHEREAS: An organization should be maintained to perpetuate the Old Spanish Trail as such and to serve as an agency for constructive thought of the communities served by the Trail and whereby travel movement may be directed to use the highway and intelligent effort directed toward the development of the country served by the Old Spanish Trail, and

WHEREAS: The present form of organization acting in this interest is restricted in potential accomplishment owing to the small amount of funds subscribed incommensurate relationship to administrative and general operating expense and such expense of the present organization is serving to retard financial participation by communities served by the Old Spanish Trail, who are willing to offer reasonable financial support to an organization that will apply a large part of the funds to purposes that will attract the travel movement to the Old Spanish Trail; and

Therefore Be It Resolved: That representation of cities and towns on the Old Spanish Trail in Texas and Louisiana in meeting assembled at Houston, Texas, on May 8, 1929, recommend reorganization of the present Old Spanish Trail Association to eliminate the present operating expense of the organization and substitute therefore, a volunteer form of central organization, based on the organization of State Units in each State traversed by the Old Spanish Trail with a volunteer force of workers in each State and further that the cities and towns represented at this meeting, withhold financial support from the Old Spanish Trail Association headquarters San Antonio, Texas, until a reorganization is effected and the proper form of organization provided, and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Old Spanish Trail Association and request that a National Convention be called to meet within 60 days at Houston, Texas, such point approximating the geographical center of the Old Spanish Trail, and such convention to invite and consider plans for a reorganization of the Old Spanish Trail Association to conform to present-day requirements with respect to the maintenance of an organization to function in the general interest of the Old Spanish Trail.