

HB 1851 -- GERMAN HERITAGE CORRIDOR OF MISSOURI

SPONSOR: Alferman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Trade and Tourism by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Select Committee on Rules by a vote of 6 to 0.

This bill designates specific counties along the Missouri River that were greatly influenced by early German settlers as the "German Heritage Corridor of Missouri" and authorizes the Department of Transportation to place suitable markings and informational signs in the designated areas. The cost for the designation is paid for by private donations.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the designation of the German Heritage Corridor will recognize the large German influence in Missouri. The designation will also help humanities related not-for-profits seek tourism funds to help promote tourism in the state.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Alferman; Elias McDonald, City Of Hermann; and Dr. Steve Belko, Missouri Humanities Council.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.