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Route 66 Centennial Legislation Moves Forward in Senate

Washington, DC – The Route 66 Centennial Commission Act (S1014), passed out of the Committee on Environment and Public Works yesterday and will move to the full Senate for consideration. The legislation was introduced by Senator Tammy Duckworth [D-IL] and co-sponsored by Senator James Inhofe [R-OK].

Because the bill is non-controversial, Duckworth's office is hopeful it will be "hotlined" on the Senate floor for approval by unanimous consent and not require a formal vote. If that happens, the next step will be for the House to take up the Bill, or the House and Senate will negotiate an agreement and repass the conference report in both bodies of Congress. The final step will be enactment by the President.

Duckworth and Inhofe introduced the bill on April 3, 2019, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of historic Route 66. The Route 66 Road Ahead Partnership provided a letter of support for the legislation.

Though Route 66 was decommissioned in 1985, the road continues to be a popular tourist destination for both domestic and international travelers. Enacting the Route 66 Centennial Commission will help plan an important celebration for the Mother Road and help with the preservation, promotion, education, and economic development of the road for generations to come.

Established in 2015, with the support of the National Park Service and the World Monuments' Fund, The Route 66 Road Ahead Partnership's mission is to revitalize and sustain Route 66 as a national and international icon through partnerships focused on promotion, preservation, research and education, and economic development.

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