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JOINT RESOLUTION

Granting the consent of Congress to the Chickasaw Trail
Economic Development Compact.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, The*
3 Congress consents to the Chickasaw Trail Economic De-
4 velopment Compact entered into by the State of Tennessee

1 and the State of Mississippi. The compact is substantially
2 as follows:

3 **CHICKASAW TRAIL ECONOMIC**
4 **DEVELOPMENT COMPACT**

5 **Article I.** The purpose of this compact is to pro-
6 mote the development of an undeveloped rural area of
7 Marshall County, Mississippi, and Fayette County, Ten-
8 nessee (hereinafter referred to as “Chickasaw Trail Eco-
9 nomic Development Area”), and to create a development
10 authority which incorporates public and private partner-
11 ships to facilitate the economic growth of such areas by
12 providing developed sites for the location and construction
13 of manufacturing plants, distribution facilities, research
14 facilities, regional and national offices with supportive
15 services, and facilities, and to establish a joint interstate
16 authority to assist in these efforts.

17 **Article II.** This compact shall become effective im-
18 mediately whenever the states of Tennessee and Mis-
19 sissippi have ratified it and Congress has given consent
20 thereto.

21 **Article III.** The states which are parties to this
22 compact (hereinafter referred to as “party states”) do
23 hereby establish and create a joint agency which shall be
24 known as the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Au-
25 thority (hereinafter referred to as the “Authority”). The

1 membership of the Authority shall consist of an appointee
2 of the Governor of each party state, each state's chief eco-
3 nomic development official or his/her representative, ap-
4 pointee of each of the member counties board of super-
5 visors/county legislative body, selected from nominees from
6 the county's industrial development board, and an ap-
7 pointee of the property owners' group. The appointive
8 members of the authority shall serve for terms of four (4)
9 years. Vacancies on the Authority shall be filled by ap-
10 pointment by the Governor or the appropriate appointing
11 authority for the unexpired part of the term. The members
12 of the Authority shall serve without compensation or reim-
13 bursement of expenses. The members of the Authority
14 shall hold regular quarterly meetings and such special
15 meetings as its business may require. They shall choose
16 annually a chairman and vice-chairman from among their
17 members, and the chairmanship shall rotate each year be-
18 tween the party states. The secretary of the Authority
19 (hereinafter provided for) shall notify each member in
20 writing of all meetings of the Authority in such a manner
21 and under such rules and regulations as the Authority
22 may prescribe. The Authority shall adopt rules and regula-
23 tions for the transaction of its business; and the secretary
24 shall keep a record of all its business, and shall furnish
25 a copy thereof to each member of the Authority. It shall

1 be the duty of the Authority in general, to promote, en-
2 courage and coordinate the efforts of the party states to
3 secure the development of the Chickasaw Trail Economic
4 Development Authority. Toward this end, the authority
5 shall have power to hold hearings; to conduct studies and
6 surveys of all problems, benefits and other matters associ-
7 ated with the development of the Chickasaw Trail Eco-
8 nomic Development Area and to make reports thereon; to
9 acquire, by gift or otherwise, and hold and dispose of such
10 money and property as may be provided for the proper
11 performance of their functions; to cooperate with other
12 public or private groups, whether local, state, regional or
13 national, having an interest in economic development; to
14 formulate and execute plans and policies for emphasizing
15 the purpose of this compact before the Congress of the
16 United States and other appropriate officers and agencies
17 of the United States and the respective states; and the
18 exercise of such other powers as may be appropriate to
19 enable it to accomplish its functions and duties in connec-
20 tion with the development of the Chickasaw Trail Eco-
21 nomic Development Area and to carry out the purposes
22 of this compact.

23 **Article IV.** The Authority shall appoint a secretary,
24 who shall be a person familiar with the nature, procedures
25 and significance of economic development and the infor-

1 national, educational and publicity methods of stimulating
2 general interest in such developments, and who shall be
3 the compact administrator. His/her term of office shall be
4 at the pleasure of the Authority. He/she shall maintain
5 custody of the Authority's books, records and papers,
6 which he/she shall keep at the office of the Authority, and
7 he/she shall perform all functions and duties, and exercise
8 all powers and authorities, that may be delegated to him/
9 her by the Authority.

10 **Article V.** Nothing in this compact shall be con-
11 strued to conflict with any existing statute, or to limit the
12 powers of any party or state or to repeal or prevent legisla-
13 tion, or to authorize or permit curtailment or diminution
14 of any other economic development project, or to affect
15 existing or future cooperative arrangements or relation-
16 ships between any federal agency and a party state.

17 **Article VI.** This compact shall continue in force
18 and remain binding upon each party state until the Legis-
19 lature or Governor of each or either state takes action to
20 withdraw therefrom; provided that such withdrawal shall
21 not become effective until six (6) months after the date
22 of the action taken. Notice of such action shall be given
23 by the Secretary of State of the party state which takes
24 such action.

1 **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I, Kirk Fordice, have
2 subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the
3 State of Mississippi to be affixed this 9th day of May,
4 1997.

5 **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I, Don Sundquist,
6 have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal
7 of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 9th day of
8 April, 1997.

9 **SEC. 2. INCONSISTENCY OF LANGUAGE.**

10 The validity of the compact consented to by this Act
11 shall not be affected by any insubstantial difference in its
12 form or language as adopted by the States.

13 **SEC. 3. RIGHT TO ALTER, AMEND, OR REPEAL.**

14 The right to alter, amend, or repeal this joint resolu-
15 tion is hereby expressly reserved.

 Passed the House of Representatives November 12,
1997.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

Clerk.