

RESOLUTION NO. 2355

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, URGING THE ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT THE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE HISTORIC HASHKNIFE PONY EXPRESS POST ROUTE.

WHEREAS, for fifty years, the Hashknife Pony Express Posse has thrilled local spectators and national observers with a 174 mile, three day ride commemorating the courage and bravery of the early Pony Express riders; and

WHEREAS, the Hashknife Posse is the oldest officially sanctioned pony express in the world, with each rider officially sworn in as an honorary mail messenger; and

WHEREAS, the Hashknife Pony Express delivers over 20,000 pieces of mail each year on a route that includes the communities of Holbrook, Heber, Overgaard, Payson, Pine, and Scottsdale; and

WHEREAS, the Hashknife Pony Express ride has become a legendary Arizona tradition that celebrates our state's frontier heritage; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hashknife Posse's first ride; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate this anniversary and celebrate this grand tradition, the Arizona State Legislature is considering legislation establishing the Historic Hashknife Pony Express Post Route on state highways from Holbrook to Scottsdale,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, DO HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Arizona State Legislature is urged to adopt the Senate Joint Resolution establishing the Historic Hashknife Pony Express Post Route, in recognition of the contribution that the Hashknife Posse has made to tradition and culture of the great state of Arizona.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES \_\_\_\_\_ NOES \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTENTIONS \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_

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F. Robert Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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Samuel I. Streichman, Town Attorney