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## RESOLUTIONS

OF

# THE LEGISLATURE OF CALIFORNIA,

IN FAVOR OF

*The construction of a railroad between San Francisco and the Missouri valley, by the southern route, and passing through the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico.*

MARCH 2, 1868.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, February 29, 1868.

I am requested by the legislature to transmit to you, by telegraph, the following joint resolutions and memorial.

H. H. HAIGHT, *Governor.*

*Senate joint resolution number fifty-seven, and memorial.*

The memorial of the legislature of the State of California to the Congress of the United States respectfully represents, that a railroad between San Francisco and the Missouri valley by the southern route, and passing through the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico, would traverse a region of country an empire in extent, of vast mineral and agricultural wealth, and especially recommended by its mild climate and low mountain passes, but which, being infested by savage tribes, is almost uninhabited by civilized men. That the speedy construction of said road would constitute an additional bond of Union and friendship between the different sections of our country; would save to the general government millions of money annually, in the cost of military occupation and protection, and by developing the resources of a broad belt of country nearly two thousand miles in length, would add enormously to the productive power and wealth of the nation. That while the distance, to wit, six or seven degrees of latitude, between the parallel upon which the said road would run, and that upon which the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific companies are now pushing their road to completion with such commendable energy and success, is so great as to preclude jealousy between the respective companies, the opening of the two roads across the continent would nevertheless insure a healthful competition most advantageous to the public and to the government as a transporter: Therefore,

*Resolved by the senate and assembly of the State of California,* That the Congress of the United States be respectfully requested to grant in favor of the said railroad by the southern route like aids, franchises, and loans, as have been or may be granted in aid of the said road by the central route.

*Resolved,* That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to do everything in their power to secure favorable and speedy action upon the foregoing memorial.