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## **U.S. HIGHWAY 80 EXHIBIT AT SPRING STREET HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne is announcing the exhibit “America Hits the Road: Tourism and Historic Highway 80” opening on Thursday, May 15 at the Spring Street Historical Museum. The exhibit features photographs and memorabilia from the hotels, gas stations and diners lining the historic highway.

Known as the Dixie Overland Highway, U.S. Highway 80 was the main route for tourists to navigate the city and the Bossier strip. The highway served as one of the first east/west all-weather highways to travel between Savannah, Ga. and San Diego, Calif.

In addition to this exhibit, the museum’s collection of historic men’s and women’s swimsuits will be on display.

The Spring Street Historical Museum captures what Shreveport looked like after the Civil War. Its cast iron grillwork is the only surviving example of New Orleans-style architecture in the city. The museum’s collection depicts the development of northwest Louisiana.

The public is invited to view the exhibit through Tuesday, Sept. 30 during extended summer museum hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information about the Spring Street Historical Museum, visit our Web site at <http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/museums> or call 318-424-0964.

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