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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17
2 BY SIEVERS, BEHN, KETTERING, PUTNEY, ANGELO, HOSCH,
3 LARSON, BOETTGER, SEYMOUR, SCHUERER, IVERSON,
4 MCKIBBEN, STEWART, BEALL, BOLKCOM, QUIRMBACH,
5 SENG, DVORSKY, HORN, WARNSTADT, BLACK, and COURTNEY
6 A Concurrent Resolution supporting the widening,
7 improvement, and enhancement of U.S. Highway 30
8 across central Iowa and requesting federal
9 assistance.
10 WHEREAS, the road known as U.S. Highway 30 closely
11 follows the historic route known as the Lincoln
12 Highway across central Iowa; and
13 WHEREAS, the Lincoln Highway, extending from New
14 York City to San Francisco, was the first
15 transcontinental paved highway in the United States
16 and the first such road conceived specifically for the
17 automobile; and
18 WHEREAS, the Lincoln Highway continues to generate
19 historic and nostalgic interest among the American
20 public, and Iowa communities stand to benefit from
21 tourism opportunities along that route; and
22 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 30 intersects all north-south
23 interstates in Iowa and serves as an important
24 alternate east-west route to heavily traveled
25 Interstate 80; and
26 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 30 functions as an important
27 conduit for the movement of Iowa commodities, value-
28 added agricultural products, and manufactured goods;
29 and
30 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 30 is the primary route for

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1 many rural and urban commuters to their jobs in large
2 and small educational and commercial centers; and

3 WHEREAS, in western Iowa, U.S. Highway 30 provides
4 a close connection to Omaha, Nebraska, and, in eastern
5 Iowa, the highway is within 19 miles of Illinois
6 Interstate 88, serving Chicago and the world markets
7 beyond; and

8 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 30 provides an arterial link
9 to highways leading to Canada and Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, truck and automobile traffic on U.S.
11 Highway 30 has increased over the last several years,
12 giving rise to issues of safety; and

13 WHEREAS, the Iowa General Assembly finds that there
14 is a critical need to complete expansion of U.S.
15 Highway 30 to four lanes as part of Iowa's Commercial
16 and Industrial Network; NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Iowa General
19 Assembly supports the completion of four-lane
20 construction and improvements and enhancements to U.S.
21 Highway 30; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa General
23 Assembly requests the designation of U.S. Highway 30
24 as a high priority corridor in the upcoming
25 reauthorization of the federal Transportation Equity
26 Act for the 21st Century and in the federal
27 appropriation request by the State Department of
28 Transportation for fiscal year 2004; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
30 Resolution be sent to the Director of the United

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1 States Department of Transportation, the Director of
2 the State Department of Transportation, and the
3 members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

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