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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23
2 BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
3 (SUCCESSOR TO HCR 16)
4 A Concurrent Resolution urging the Congress of the United States
5 to quickly develop and approve the proposed national highway
6 system.
7 WHEREAS, a modern, well-maintained, efficient, and
8 interconnected transportation system is vital to the
9 economic growth and health, and the global
10 competitiveness of our state, and the entire nation;
11 and
12 WHEREAS, the highway network is the backbone of a
13 transportation system for the movement of people,
14 goods, and intermodal connectivity; and
15 WHEREAS, it is critical to effectively address
16 highway transportation needs through appropriate
17 transportation plans and program investments; and
18 WHEREAS, the 1991 federal Intermodal Surface
19 Transportation Efficiency Act established the concept
20 of a 155,000-mile national highway system which
21 includes the Interstate System; and
22 WHEREAS, on December 9, 1993, the United States
23 Department of Transportation transmitted to Congress a
24 proposed national highway system which identified 104
25 port facilities, 143 airports, 191 rail-truck
26 terminals, 321 Amtrak stations, and 319 transit
27 terminals; and
28 WHEREAS, the federal Intermodal Surface
29 Transportation Efficiency Act requires that the
30 national highway system be approved by September 30,

1 1995, before national highway system and interstate
2 maintenance funds can be released to the states; and
3 WHEREAS, the uncertainty associated with the future
4 of the national highway system prevents the states
5 from effectively undertaking the necessary and
6 properly developed planning and programming activities
7 needed to meet the transportation needs of the future;
8 NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
10 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Congress of the United
11 States be urged to accelerate the process of
12 developing and approving the national highway system.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Iowa's congressional
14 delegation be urged to support efforts to ensure
15 adoption of the national highway system in a timely
16 manner.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
18 Resolution be sent to the Governor, the President of
19 the United States, the President of the United States
20 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
21 Representatives, and members of Iowa's congressional
22 delegation.

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