

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. **16**
2 BY FREEMAN, MILLER, MURPHY, WENDT, WHITEAD, MERTZ,
3 KUHN, D. TAYLOR, SHOULTZ, OSTERHAUS, JOCHUM,
4 THOMAS, BERRY, FORD, MYERS, TJEPKES, RASMUSSEN,
5 HUSEMAN, CHAMBERS, ALONS, HOFFMAN, GRANZOW,
6 ROBERTS, TYMESON, FREVERT, RAYHONS, LUKAN,
7 MANTERNACH, DENNIS, D. HANSON, EICHHORN, KLEMME,
8 RANTS, UPMEYER, JENKINS, SCHICKEL, DIX, and GIPP
9 A Concurrent Resolution supporting the completion of
10 U.S. Highway 20 across northern Iowa and requesting
11 federal assistance.
12 WHEREAS, the Iowa General Assembly finds that a
13 critical need exists to complete U.S. Highway 20 as a
14 four-lane, high priority corridor across the state of
15 Iowa; and
16 WHEREAS, the road known as U.S. Highway 20 was one
17 of the first coast-to-coast highways in the United
18 States, beginning in downtown Boston and continuing
19 across the country to the Pacific Coast in Oregon; and
20 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 20 connects all north-south
21 interstates in Iowa and is an arterial link to the
22 North American Free Trade Act (NAFTA) corridor; and
23 WHEREAS, Iowa has three north-south interstate
24 highways, but only one east-west interstate highway,
25 and the distance from northwest Iowa to Chicago via
26 Interstate 80 is approximately 100 miles farther than
27 the distance via U.S. Highway 20; and
28 WHEREAS, most northwest Iowa businesses and farms
29 are located 60 to 90 miles from a four-lane highway,
30 limiting the region's potential for economic growth;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, an estimated 50 percent of the millions of
3 bushels of corn and soybeans grown in the region are
4 shipped out of northwest Iowa by truck; and

5 WHEREAS, more than 6,500 businesses are located in
6 the 10 Iowa counties along the U.S. Highway 20
7 corridor, and of the 109 Iowa companies with 1,000 or
8 more employees, 30 are located or have a presence in
9 those counties; and

10 WHEREAS, more than 11,000 businesses are located in
11 the 19 Iowa counties that U.S. Highway 20 serves as an
12 arterial highway connecting to Interstate 29 and
13 Interstate 35; and

14 WHEREAS, the environmentally friendly bridge built
15 over the Iowa river near Iowa Falls at a cost of \$20
16 million demonstrates the corridor's promise as a
17 showcase for Iowa's natural beauty; and

18 WHEREAS, the estimated cost to complete the
19 construction of U.S. Highway 20 as a four-lane highway
20 from Fort Dodge, Iowa, to Merville, Iowa, is \$450
21 million; and

22 WHEREAS, the completion of U.S. Highway 20 as a
23 high priority, east-west corridor is a good investment
24 for all of Iowa and the nation; NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
26 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly
27 supports the completion of U.S. Highway 20 as a high
28 priority corridor across the northern half of Iowa;
29 and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa General

1 Assembly supports inclusion of U.S. Highway 20 as a
2 high priority corridor in the upcoming reauthorization
3 of the federal Transportation Equity Act for the 21st
4 Century and in the federal appropriation request by
5 the State Department of Transportation for fiscal year
6 2004; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
8 Resolution be sent to the Director of the United
9 States Department of Transportation, the Director of
10 the State Department of Transportation, and to the
11 members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

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1 Amend House Concurrent Resolution 16 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 10, by inserting after the word
3 "Iowa" the following: "and U.S. Highway 30 across
4 central Iowa".

5 2. Page 1, line 13, by striking the words "as a"
6 and inserting the following: "and U.S. Highway 30
7 as".

8 3. Page 1, line 14, by striking the word
9 "corridor" and inserting the following: "corridors".

10 4. Page 2, by inserting after line 21, the
11 following:

12 "WHEREAS, the road known as U.S. Highway 30 closely
13 follows the historic route known as the Lincoln
14 Highway across central Iowa; and

15 WHEREAS, the Lincoln Highway, extending from New
16 York City to San Francisco, was the first
17 transcontinental paved highway in the United States
18 and the first such road conceived specifically for the
19 automobile; and

20 WHEREAS, the Lincoln Highway continues to generate
21 historic and nostalgic interest among the American
22 public, and Iowa communities stand to benefit from
23 tourism opportunities along that route; and

24 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 30 connects all north-south
25 interstates in Iowa and serves as an alternate east-
26 west route to heavily traveled Interstate 80; and

27 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 30 is uniquely positioned to
28 serve as an important conduit for the movement of Iowa
29 agricultural products and manufactured goods; and".

30 5. Page 2, line 22, by striking the words "as a"
31 and inserting the following: "and U.S. Highway 30
32 as".

33 6. Page 2, line 23, by striking the word
34 "corridor" and inserting the following: "corridors".

35 7. Page 2, by inserting after line 29, the
36 following:

37 "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa General
38 Assembly supports the completion of U.S. Highway 30 as
39 a high priority corridor across central Iowa; and".

40 8. Page 3, line 1, by striking the words "as a"
41 and inserting the following: "and U.S. Highway 30
42 as".

43 9. Page 3, line 2, by striking the word
44 "corridor" and inserting the following: "corridors".

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