

1 State of Arkansas  
2 87th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2009

HCR 1016

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5 By: Representatives Cook, Cash, J. Dickinson, Gaskill, Kidd, Patterson, J. Rogers  
6 By: Senators Miller, D. Wyatt

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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 RECOMMENDING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, THE  
11 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF  
12 THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE  
13 DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
14 ENSURE THAT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF FUNDING FOR  
15 TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BE COMMITTED TO  
16 COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY 67 FROM NEWPORT,  
17 ARKANSAS, TO THE MISSOURI STATE LINE.

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19 **Subtitle**

20 RECOMMENDING THAT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION  
21 OF FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION  
22 INFRASTRUCTURE BE COMMITTED TO COMPLETE  
23 CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY 67 IN ARKANSAS.

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26 WHEREAS, U.S. Route 67, otherwise known as Highway 67, is north-south  
27 U.S. Highway that runs from the Mexican border at Presidio, Texas, to its  
28 northern terminus at U.S. Route 52 in Sabula, Iowa; is one thousand five  
29 hundred sixty (1,560) miles long; and provides an important transportation  
30 route from Mexico to the Midwest; and

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32 WHEREAS, Highway 67 has historical significance dating back to the  
33 1920s; and

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35 WHEREAS, Highway 67 has specific historical significance in Arkansas  
36 because during the 1940s and 1950s, most of the early rock and roll legends



1 regularly traveled on Highway 67 through Jackson County, Lawrence County, and  
2 Randolph County to perform their new style of music; and

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4 WHEREAS, in Arkansas, projects with costs of over one hundred fifty-two  
5 million six hundred thousand dollars (\$152,600,000) have been completed,  
6 including the construction of a bypass of Walnut Ridge and Hoxie,  
7 establishing a new location from Newport northward, and widening the existing  
8 Highway 67 from Walnut Ridge to Pocahontas; and

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10 WHEREAS, currently the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department  
11 has projects totaling over thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for Highway  
12 67 under construction and projects totaling one million five hundred thousand  
13 dollars (\$1,500,000) that are scheduled; and

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15 WHEREAS, in Arkansas, the bulk of the remaining work to make Highway 67  
16 a four-lane divided highway is from Newport to the Missouri state line; and

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18 WHEREAS, estimated cost to complete Highway 67 is over five hundred  
19 million dollars (\$500,000,000); and

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21 WHEREAS, with the international popularity of Memphis as a rock and  
22 roll tourist destination, completion of Highway 67 will provide increased  
23 tourism related to the history of rock and roll;

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25 WHEREAS, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation  
26 Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) expires on September 30, 2009,

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28 NOW THEREFORE,  
29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
30 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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32 THAT the General Assembly recommends to the Congress of the United  
33 States, the Arkansas Congressional Delegation, the President of the United  
34 States, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, and the Director  
35 of the Federal Highway Administration that a significant portion of funding  
36 for transportation infrastructure be committed to complete construction of

1 Highway 67 in Arkansas from Newport to the Missouri state line.

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3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief  
4 Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this  
5 resolution to the presiding officers of the United States Senate and the  
6 United State House of Representatives; each member of the Arkansas  
7 Congressional Delegation; the President of the United States; the Secretary  
8 of the Department of Transportation; and the Director of the Federal Highway  
9 Administration.

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