

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO  
MAKE A HIGHWAY CORRIDOR STUDY TO IDENTIFY ROADS NEEDED TO  
ASSIST IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF DEPRESSED AREAS IN  
THIS STATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas is seeking means of promoting the economic development of the State, especially in economically depressed areas of the State; and

WHEREAS, it is well established that the availability of an accessible and adequate highway transportation system is essential to economic development; and

WHEREAS, large areas of this State are not served by four-lane controlled access highways which are essential for modern highway transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, many areas that are not now served by four-lane controlled access highways are economically depressed, and the future employment opportunities of such areas can best be revitalized by the development of a more adequate highway transportation system.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the State Highway and Transportation Department is requested to make a highway corridor study to determine the various options and benefits to be gained from the development of four-lane controlled access highways to serve the corridor areas of this State. Such study shall identify the economically depressed areas of this State, and the economic and community development benefits that would be derived by the development of a modern four-lane controlled access transportation system connecting such areas with other highways in this State and neighboring states.