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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

8 URGING THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
9 TO MARK ALL PUBLIC HIGHWAYS IN ARKANSAS WITH REFLECTIVE
10 MARKERS TO INCREASE VISIBILITY OF HIGHWAYS DURING
11 INCLEMENT WEATHER.

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Subtitle

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21 WHEREAS, the very nature of black-top or asphalt surfacing for public
22 roads and highways is that it is dark or black in color and therefore
23 inherently hard to see to drive and maintain control on after dark and, during
24 rainy extremes, it becomes even more difficult to maintain visibility when it
25 rains after dark; and

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27 WHEREAS, much research has been conducted on making highways more
28 visible and on improving the visibility of public roads and highways
29 throughout the United States and in the practical use of devices and materials
30 such as reflective striping, in-surface reflectors, and bright fluorescent
31 paints have vastly improved the visibility on federal highways and primary
32 roads throughout this country; and

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34 WHEREAS, the responsibility for all federal and interstate highways and
35 the primary and secondary highways of the Arkansas state highway system falls
36 upon the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department; and

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2 WHEREAS, improved visibility of all the federal and state highways in
3 Arkansas would enhance traffic and highway safety for the driving public and
4 protect the health and safety of all of Arkansas' citizens, their families,
5 and children,

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7 NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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11 THAT the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas respectfully urges
12 the State Highway Commission and the Arkansas Highway and Transportation
13 Department to develop a plan and to expend the necessary financial resources
14 as are needed to mark all public highways in Arkansas with reflective markers
15 or devices to increase visibility during inclement weather of all public roads
16 and highways under their control and responsibility; and

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18 FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution, after its concurrence
19 by the Senate, be transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House to the Arkansas
20 State Highway Commission for its consideration and comment.

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