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13 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

14 ENCOURAGING THE EXPANSION OF UNITED STATES ROUTE 49
15 NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND
16 CREATE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY.

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19 **Subtitle**

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21 STATES ROUTE 49 NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR TO
22 IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND CREATE ECONOMIC
23 PROSPERITY.

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26 WHEREAS, Arkansas is richly endowed with natural resources and provides
27 limitless opportunities for both commercial and recreational activities; and
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29 WHEREAS, the overall economic viability of the state has been directly
30 impacted by the state and federal commitment to provide accessibility to
31 specific areas with improved roads and highways; and
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33 WHEREAS, in contrast, while the western part of Arkansas extending from
34 Fort Smith to Texarkana has much to offer, many of the communities in that
35 area are experiencing a decline in economic prosperity that threatens to make
36 those communities irrelevant as business and tourist destinations as a direct



1 result of the limited commercial and recreational traffic through the area;
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4 WHEREAS, improving road and highway accessibility to the western part
5 of the state by expanding the United States Route 49 north-south corridor
6 will not only serve to create economic prosperity for the Arkansas
7 communities that extend along the corridor, but also will contribute to the
8 overall economic prosperity of the entire state,

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10 NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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14 THAT the House of Representatives recognize the need for expansion of
15 the United States Route 49 north-south corridor and encourage the United
16 States Government to fund a project to provide accessibility to and create
17 economic prosperity for the Arkansas communities extending along the
18 corridor.

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate
21 copy shall be provided to the Arkansas congressional delegation by the Chief
22 Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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