

House Concurrent Resolution No. 48

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, the western part of Missouri is a growing, vital part of Missouri's
3 commerce and economic development; and

4 **Whereas**, U.S. Highway 71 is an important link for communities, companies, and
5 citizens along this corridor; and

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7 **Whereas**, the Missouri I-49 Coalition is a nonprofit organization consisting of
8 concerned citizens, organizations, and communities organized for the sole purpose of improving
9 U.S. Highway 71 to interstate standards and designating it as part of Interstate 49; and
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11 **Whereas**, designation of U.S. Highway 71 as a part of I-49 will provide western
12 Missouri with the shortest direct route into international commerce by way of the Gulf of Mexico
13 at New Orleans;
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15 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
16 Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
17 concurring therein, hereby:

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19 (1) Recognize the Missouri I-40 Coalition as the official organization for this project in
20 the State of Missouri;

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22 (2) Recognize the importance of I-49 to the State of Missouri;

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24 (3) Support the upgrading of U.S. Highway 71 to interstate standards;

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26 (4) Encourage the Missouri Department of Transportation to support conceptually the
27 idea of an I-49 corridor;

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29 (5) Encourage the Missouri Congressional Delegation to pursue federal funds to assist
30 with this project; and
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32 (6) Urge the United States Department of Transportation to support the designation of
33 U.S. Highway 71 in Missouri as a part of Interstate 49; and
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35 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
36 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Norman
37 Y. Mineta, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, Pete Rahn, the
38 Director of the Missouri Department of Transportation, each member of the Missouri Highways
39 and Transportation Commission, and each member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.