

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 17

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

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

**Whereas**, the Missouri I-49 Coalition is a nonprofit organization consisting of  
5 concerned citizens, organizations, and communities organized for the sole purpose of improving  
6 U.S. Highway 71 to interstate standards and designating it as part of Interstate 49; and

**Whereas**, designation of U.S. Highway 71 as a part of I-49 will provide western  
8 Missouri with the shortest direct route into international commerce by way of the Gulf of Mexico  
9 at New Orleans:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
11 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
12 concurring therein, hereby:

14 (1) Recognize the Missouri I-49 Coalition as the official organization for this project in  
15 the State of Missouri;

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

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

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

20 (5) Encourage the Missouri Congressional Delegation to pursue federal funds to assist  
21 with this project; and

22 (6) Urge the United States Department of Transportation to support the designation of  
23 U.S. Highway 71 in Missouri as a part of Interstate 49; and

24 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
25 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Mary E.  
26 Peters, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, Pete Rahn, the Director  
27 of the Missouri Department of Transportation, each member of the Missouri Highways and  
28 Transportation Commission, and each member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.