

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 427

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Interstate System.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 5, 2006

Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BOND, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. CHAFEE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. VITTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. REID) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Interstate System.

Whereas, on June 29, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law—

(1) the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 (Public Law 84–627; 70 Stat. 374) to establish the 41,000-mile National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, later designated as the “Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways”; and

(2) the Highway Revenue Act of 1956 (Public Law 84–627; 70 Stat. 387) to create the Highway Trust Fund;

Whereas, in 1990, the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways was renamed the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways to recognize the role of President Eisenhower in the creation of the Interstate Highway System;

Whereas that web of superhighways, now spanning a total of 46,876 miles throughout the United States, has had a powerful and positive impact on the lives of United States citizens;

Whereas the Interstate System has proven to be a vital tool for transporting people and goods from 1 region to another speedily and safely;

Whereas the use of the Interstate System has helped the Nation facilitate domestic and global trade, and has allowed the Nation to create unprecedented economic expansion and opportunities for millions of United States citizens;

Whereas the Interstate System has enabled diverse communities throughout the United States to come closer together, and has allowed United States citizens to remain connected to each other as well as to the larger world;

Whereas the Interstate System has made it easier and more enjoyable for United States citizens to travel to long-distance destinations and spend time with family members and friends who live far away;

Whereas the Interstate System is a pivotal link in the national chain of defense and emergency preparedness efforts;

Whereas the Interstate System remains 1 of the paramount assets of the United States, as well as a symbol of human ingenuity and freedom; and

Whereas the anniversary of the Interstate System provides United States citizens with an occasion to honor 1 of the largest public works achievements of all time, and reflect on how the Nation can maintain the effectiveness of the System in the years ahead: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) proclaims 2006 as the Golden Anniversary  
3       Year of the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System  
4       of Interstate and Defense Highways;

5               (2) recognizes and celebrates the achievements  
6       of the Federal Highway Administration, State de-  
7       partments of transportation, and the highway con-  
8       struction industry of the United States, including  
9       contractors, designers, engineers, labor, materials  
10       producers, and equipment companies, for their con-  
11       tributions to the quality of life of the citizens of the  
12       United States; and

13              (3) encourages citizens, communities, govern-  
14       mental agencies, and other organizations to promote  
15       and participate in celebratory and educational activi-  
16       ties that mark this uniquely important and historic  
17       milestone.

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