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H. RES. 608

Recognizing the importance of the Interstate Highway System and supporting the development of an interstate through southern Ohio.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TAYLOR submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on June 29, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 to establish a 41,000-mile National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, known as the Interstate Highway System;

Whereas, in 2025, this web of superhighways, now spanning a total of 46,876 miles throughout the United States, has had a powerful and positive impact on our national life;

Whereas the Interstate Highway System has proven vital in transporting people and goods from one region to another speedily and safely;

Whereas the Interstate Highway System has brought communities throughout the United States closer together and kept us connected to one another, as well as the larger world;

Whereas the Interstate Highway System remains one of our country's paramount assets as well as a symbol of human ingenuity and freedom;

Whereas the Interstate Highway System is vital to our national security by ensuring quick transportation for our military, equipment, and critical resources;

Whereas the Interstate Highway System has facilitated trade both within our national borders and globally, and helped create unprecedented economic expansion and opportunities for millions of Americans;

Whereas many areas in Appalachia, including in southern Ohio, have faced economic hardships over recent decades, an interstate could increase economic opportunities for Appalachian communities;

Whereas the development of an interstate through southern Ohio could go directly past the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Pike County, Ohio;

Whereas the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant and personnel were an integral part of the United States nuclear deterrent during the Cold War;

Whereas the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant is now being redeveloped, restored, and reopened for businesses, some of which have already started production at the site;

Whereas an American company has started enriching uranium on site, which allows for the United States to be-

come more energy independent and strengthens national security;

Whereas a leading defense technology company is building an advanced manufacturing facility south of Columbus, Ohio, as well;

Whereas these sites, and the entire southern Ohio region, could greatly benefit from an interstate going south from Columbus, Ohio; and

Whereas Ohio legislators have already supported a resolution to study a future interstate through the region to improve connectivity, safety, and economic growth in the State: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the importance of the Interstate
3 Highway System;

4 (2) recognizes the economic boost and increased
5 national security that an interstate could provide to
6 a region; and

7 (3) supports the planning, designing, and devel-
8 opment of an interstate in southern Ohio going
9 south from Columbus, Ohio.

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