

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 24, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Interstate Highway
2 System.

3 WHEREAS, On June 29, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower
4 signed the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 to establish a
5 41,000-mile National System of Interstate and Defense Highways,
6 known as the "Interstate Highway System"; and

7 WHEREAS, What would become the Interstate Highway System
8 began with the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1938, directed by the
9 Bureau of Public Roads (BPR), the immediate predecessor of the
10 Federal Highway Administration; and

11 WHEREAS, The BPR issued a report concluding that a toll
12 network would not be self-supporting, and instead called for a
13 26,700-mile interregional highway network; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt
15 commissioned the National Interregional Highway Committee which

1 issued a report in 1944 in support of a system of 33,990 miles
2 plus an additional 5,000 miles of auxiliary urban routes, and
3 the report led to the Interstate Highway System we know today;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, In 1990, the National System of Interstate and
6 Defense Highways was renamed the "Dwight D. Eisenhower National
7 System of Interstate and Defense Highways" to recognize
8 President Eisenhower's role in the creation of the system; and

9 WHEREAS, The Interstate Highway System has proven vital in
10 transporting people and goods from one region of the country to
11 another speedily and safely; and

12 WHEREAS, The Interstate Highway System has facilitated trade
13 within our Pennsylvania borders as well as our national and
14 international borders; and

15 WHEREAS, The Interstate Highway System has helped create
16 unprecedented economic expansion and opportunities for millions
17 of Americans; and

18 WHEREAS, The Interstate Highway System has brought together
19 diverse communities throughout our land and kept us connected to
20 one another as well as to the larger world; and

21 WHEREAS, The Interstate Highway System has made it easier and
22 often more enjoyable to travel to long-distance destinations and
23 spend time with family members and friends who live far away;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, The Interstate Highway System remains one of our
26 country's paramount assets as well as a symbol of this country's
27 ingenuity and commitment to freedom; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
29 60th anniversary of the Interstate Highway System; and be it
30 further

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
2 achievements of the Federal Highway Administration, the
3 Department of Transportation and the highway construction
4 industry, including contractors, designers, engineers, laborers,
5 materials producers and equipment companies, for their
6 contributions to the construction of the Interstate Highway
7 System and the quality of life of the residents of Pennsylvania
8 and the citizens of the United States.