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7 *Whereas, The Interstate 69 (I-69) Finish Line is a*
8 *realization of 75 years of community studies and discussions to*
9 *connect Evansville to Indianapolis through 142 miles of an*
10 *improved, multi-lane highway system;*

11 *Whereas, The final 26 mile section of interstate, spanning*
12 *from Martinsville to Indianapolis, was split into five*
13 *construction contracts to create 35 lane miles of local access*
14 *roads and 39 new bridges, rehabilitate 35 existing bridges, and*
15 *remove 14 traffic signals in order to reduce regional annual*
16 *crash numbers by 1,300 and generate \$4.1 billion in economic*
17 *impact over the next twenty years;*

18 *Whereas, The I-69 Finish Line's Contract 2 was awarded*
19 *to Walsh Construction and focused on six miles of State Road*
20 *37 through Martinsville that serves as a crucial road in the city*
21 *and includes heavily-used access points to multiple businesses,*
22 *and was the only I-69 contract that had to remove an existing*
23 *highway passing through a city to replace it with an interstate;*

24 *Whereas, State, county, and municipal stakeholders*
25 *coordinated to fully close the corridor during construction,*
26 *which ensured the safety of workers and motorists, accelerated*



1 road completion of Contract 2 by a full year, and assisted
 2 Contract 4, which was awarded to Reith-Riley Construction
 3 and encompassed the area from Martinsville to State Road 144,
 4 to be accelerated due to lower traffic volumes;

5 *Whereas, The planning and construction phases of*
 6 *Contract 2 experienced multiple challenges, including the need*
 7 *to reevaluate stormwater drainage patterns and management*
 8 *to support the abundance and quality of groundwater, moving*
 9 *and locating various utility lines from at least sixteen different*
 10 *utility companies, keeping open communication with businesses*
 11 *and Indiana University to limit impacts, and engaging with a*
 12 *new local administration regarding the project's background*
 13 *and upcoming activities;*

14 *Whereas, The project team gave particular attention to*
 15 *creating community cohesiveness by constructing gateway*
 16 *monuments reminiscent of the Morgan County Courthouse*
 17 *Clock Tower inside the interchanges of State Roads 39 and 44,*
 18 *and replicated the brick samples of the Morgan County*
 19 *Courthouse into nearly 1.4 miles of noise barriers;*

20 *Whereas, Collaborative planning by hundreds of engineers,*
 21 *planners, and the local community resulted in a final product*
 22 *that not only serves the transportation needs of Hoosiers, but*
 23 *also aesthetically reflects the historic character of Martinsville*
 24 *and Morgan County; and*

25 *Whereas, Portions of the I-69 Finish Line were completed*
 26 *and opened to traffic by December 21, 2021, exhibiting a high*
 27 *quality of design, construction, and traffic maintenance that*
 28 *resulted in Roads and Bridges magazine recognizing it as the*
 29 *top roadway project in the United States during its 2022 annual*
 30 *review of major construction projects and enhancing Indiana's*
 31 *reputation as the "Crossroads of America": Therefore,*

32 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
 33 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
 34 *concurring:*

35 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly



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6 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
7 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Michael Smith,
8 Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation
9 (INDOT), the INDOT Central Office, INDOT Major Projects
10 Division, INDOT Seymour District office, Butler, Fairman, &
11 Seufert Inc., CDM Smith, Corradino LLC, Crawford, Murphy,
12 & Tilly Inc., HNTB Corporation, Lochmueller Group, Rieth-
13 Riley Construction, Walsh Construction, and WSP.

