

House Concurrent Resolution No. 47

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CORLEW.

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2 **WHEREAS**, Missouri's transportation system plays a vital part in the lives of Missouri's
3 citizens. It is counted on to safely and reliably connect people with family, jobs and services,
4 businesses with suppliers and customers, students with schools, and visitors with destinations;
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6 **WHEREAS**, among the states, Missouri has been a leader in highway transportation; the
7 first interstate highway project in the United States to begin construction after the passage of the
8 Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 was in Missouri; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, there is a total of 33,884 miles of roadway within the state of Missouri,
11 which makes the state highway system the nation's seventh largest state highway system.
12 Missouri also ranks sixth nationally in the number of bridges with 10,394. These numbers do not
13 include the city and county system of roads and bridges, which includes an additional 97,000
14 miles of county roads and city streets, and nearly 14,000 bridges; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, Missouri's transportation infrastructure is aging; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the primary sources of revenue provided to the Missouri Department of
19 Transportation to manage the state highway system are user fees: fuel taxes, registration and
20 licensing fees, and motor vehicle sales taxes; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, when compared to other states, Missouri ranks 47th in the nation in revenue
23 per mile:

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25 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Missouri House of
26 Representatives, Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring
27 therein, hereby create the 21st Century Missouri Highway System Task Force; and

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29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the mission of the task force shall be to:

30 (1) Evaluate the condition of our state highway system, including roads and bridges;

31 (2) Evaluate current transportation funding in Missouri;

32 (3) Evaluate whether current transportation funding in Missouri is sufficient to not only
33 maintain the highway system in its current state but also to ensure that it serves the transportation
34 needs of Missouri's citizens as we move forward in the 21st century;

35 (4) Make recommendations regarding the condition of the state highway system; and

36 (5) Make recommendations regarding transportation funding; and

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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall consist of the following
39 members:

40 (1) Two members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker
41 of the House of Representatives;

42 (2) Two members of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
43 Senate;

44 (3) The Governor or his or her designee;

45 (4) The Director of the Department of Transportation or his or her designee;

46 (5) The Director of the Department of Economic Development or his or her designee;

47 (6) The Superintendent of the State Highway Patrol or his or her designee; and

48 (7) Nine Missouri residents or representatives from non-governmental organizations
49 within Missouri, three of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
50 Representative, three of whom shall be appointed President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and three
51 of whom shall be appointed by the Governor; and

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53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the staffs of House Research, Senate Research,
54 and the Joint Committee on Legislative Research shall provide such legal, research, clerical,
55 technical, and bill drafting services as the task force may require in the performance of its duties;
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58 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force, its members, and any staff assigned
59 to the task force shall receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in
60 attending meetings of the task force or any subcommittee thereof; and

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62 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall meet within two months from
63 adoption of this resolution; and

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65 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 21st Century Missouri Highway System Task
66 Force shall report a summary of its activities and any recommendations for legislation to the
67 General Assembly by January 1, 2018; and

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69 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force is authorized to function during the
70 legislative interim of both the first and second regular sessions of the Ninety-ninth General
71 Assembly, as authorized by *State v. Atterburry*, 300 S.W.2d 806 (Mo. 1957); and

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73 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall terminate on January 1, 2019;
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76 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Missouri House of
77 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the
78 Governor, the Director of the Department of Transportation, the Director of the Department of
79 Economic Development, and the Superintendent of the State Highway Patrol.

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