

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 754

By Watson

A RESOLUTION expressing support for the Corridor K highway project.

WHEREAS, the Appalachian Development Highway system was authorized by the United States Congress in 1965 as part of the Appalachian Regional Commission's efforts to combat poverty; and

WHEREAS, the system included twenty-six corridors in thirteen states from New York to Mississippi, with Corridor K being the name given to an undetermined route through Bradley and Polk counties that would open commerce between Chattanooga and eastern seaports; and

WHEREAS, today, over 87 percent of the twenty-six corridors have been built, and of the six corridors designated in Tennessee, most have been completed or are currently under construction, except for Corridor K; and

WHEREAS, although physically located only in Bradley and Polk counties, Corridor K was selected by the Southeast Tennessee Rural Planning Organization as its number one transportation priority; and

WHEREAS, while portions of Corridor K in North Carolina and Georgia are nearing completion, the project is stymied here in Tennessee due to budgetary constraints; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly hereby pledges its full support for the development of the Corridor K highway project and urges the Department of Transportation to take all necessary measures to facilitate the establishment and construction of Corridor K.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.