



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 04-032

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Brophy, Young, Hoppe, Briggs, Coleman, Crane, Decker, Hefley, Hodge, McFadyen, Miller, Ragsdale, Salazar, Smith, Spradley, and Welker.

CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN HIGHWAYS AS
THE PORTS-TO-PLAINS TRADE CORRIDOR, THE HEARTLAND
EXPRESSWAY, AND THE HIGH PLAINS HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, Colorado, historically rich in natural resources and with an economy based in large part on agriculture, has a need to transport large quantities of commodities; and

WHEREAS, The rapidly growing urban areas in the state also need many products and goods to support the growth; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is strategically located as a "bridge" state in the national and international infrastructure system of movement of freight, resulting in large quantities of goods flowing through the state; and

WHEREAS, At the national level, the "Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century" (TEA-21) designated 43 "high priority corridors" on the nation's highway system as a focus for improvements to enhance mobility for trade, both domestic and international, and to promote economic development; and

WHEREAS, The Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor and the Heartland Expressway are "high priority corridors" that run through Colorado; and

WHEREAS, The counties of Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Yuma, Phillips, and Sedgwick, the cities of Burlington and Wray, and the towns of Cheyenne Wells, Holyoke, and Julesburg have joined together to form the High Plains

Highway Organization; and

WHEREAS, The High Plains Highway is a north-south corridor designed to alleviate traffic and congestion from Denver by redirecting traffic from the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor and the Heartland Expressway; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado Department of Transportation may accept and expend gifts, grants, donations, and federal funds for the purpose of the initial placement of signs, suitable markers, or monuments for the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor, the Heartland Expressway, and the High Plains Highway at a point to be determined by the Department; and

WHEREAS, According to Policy 803.0 established by the Transportation Commission of the state of Colorado and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, federal rule 2D.49, the General Assembly of Colorado by resolution may designate a component of the state highway system; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That the General Assembly hereby requests that:

(1) The portion of US Highway 287 from the Oklahoma border to Limon, then Interstate 70 to Denver, be designated as the Colorado element of the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor;

(2) The portion of Interstate 76 from Denver to Brush, State Highway 71 from Brush to the Nebraska state line south of Kimball, Nebraska, and State Highway 71 from Brush to Limon be designated as the Colorado element of the Heartland Expressway; and

(3) The portion of US Highway 385 from the Nebraska border to Cheyenne Wells and US Highway 40 from Cheyenne Wells to Kit Carson be designated as the Colorado element of the High Plains Highway.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the counties of Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Yuma, Phillips, Sedgwick, Lincoln, Morgan, Logan, Washington, Kiowa, Prowers, and Baca; the cities of Burlington, Wray, Brush, and Lamar; the towns of Cheyenne Wells,

Holyoke, Julesburg, Limon, Hugo, Eads, Kit Carson, Wiley, and Springfield; the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Transportation Commission of Colorado; and the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition.

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