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HOUSE RESOLUTION 921
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/5/03

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 8, 2003

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO URGE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
2 TO EXPEDITE THE COMPLETION OF CERTAIN HIGHWAY CORRIDORS TO
3 AID IN RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

4 Whereas, the Rural Prosperity Task Force filed its final report on February
5 21, 2000; and

6 Whereas, one of the Task Force's general recommendations was "to build
7 modern water and sewer systems, widen critical highways and enlarge the supply of
8 adequate, affordable housing"; and

9 Whereas, the Task Force found that "the continued economic development of
10 the State's rural areas will depend heavily on a reliable and efficient highway system";
11 and

12 Whereas, a specific Task Force recommendation was to "give priority to
13 completion of improvements to projects along three critical rural highway corridors:
14 Highway 70, Highway 17, and Highway 19E"; Now, therefore,

15 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

16 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Transportation and the Board of
17 Transportation are urged to expedite the completion of three critical highway corridors:

- 18 (1) The Goldsboro Bypass along U.S. Highway 70 (TIP number R-2554).
19 (2) U.S. Highway 17 that runs through Bertie County from south of
20 Windsor to west of the Chowan River (TIP number R-2404).
21 (3) The segment of U.S. Highway 19E corridor that will give Madison,
22 Mitchell, Yancey, and Avery Counties access to Tennessee markets.

23 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Transportation and the Board of
24 Transportation are urged to ensure that all of the projects listed in Section 1 of this
25 resolution are completed in a six-year target time period.

26 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation and the Board of
27 Transportation are urged to expedite completion of all intrastate corridor and urban loop
28 projects of the Highway Trust Fund as soon as possible.

29 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.