

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF CORRIDOR K**

April 13, 2012

Whereas, Corridor K is a proposed four lane highway that is part of the Appalachian Development Highway System approved by Congress under the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965; and

Whereas, the Appalachian Development Highway System was designed to generate economic development in previously isolated areas, supplement the interstate system, connect Appalachia to the interstate system, and provide access to areas within the Region as well as to markets in the rest of the nation; and

Whereas, the portion of Corridor K (U.S. 74) located in Cherokee, Graham, and Swain Counties has not been completed; and

Whereas, completion of Corridor K is vitally important to the western mountain communities of the State, because of its impact on economic development, employment, tourism, public safety, and access to emergency facilities in the region; **Now, therefore**,

Be it resolved by the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee:

The Committee finds that Corridor K is a critical missing link in the North Carolina and Appalachian Development Highway Systems, supports its completion as soon as possible, and urges the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the federal government to make all efforts to expedite its construction.