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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6007

As Recommended by House Committee on Transportation

Brief*

HR 6007 supports the designation of United States Highway 50 as a multistate trade corridor. The resolution sets forth the following reasons for support of such corridor:

- ! Kansas has been a leader in providing a quality transportation system for the movement of goods and people;
- ! The location of Kansas in the center of the United States and North America has made Kansas a pivotal location for the interstate movement of goods and people;
- ! The movement of goods and people has increased substantially since the enactment of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act;
- ! United States Highway 50 has always been an important commercial artery for not only Kansas, but for the United States;
- ! The designation of United States Highway 50 as a multistate trade corridor would encourage and facilities multistate and regional mobility and economic growth and development; and
- ! The federal designation of United States Highway 50 as a multistate trade corridor will supplement and enhance other investments, including investments from the comprehensive transportation program.

^{*}Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <u>http://www.kslegislature.org/cgi-bin/fulltext/bills.cgi</u>

The resolution commends the efforts of the Santa Fe Chapter of the US Highway 50 Association in helping to make such a vision a reality and supports current funding for such designation including federal funding for such enhancements. The resolution provides that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to provide enrolled copies of this resolution to the Santa Fe Chapter of the US Highway 50 Association, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, and each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

Background

HR 6007 was supported by the Mayor of Lakin, Kansas. He provided information about the Santa Fe Chapter of the US Highway 50 Association. The Mayor indicated that one of the organization's priorities is to identify similar organizations in neighboring states. He said that the Association has met with a similar organization in Colorado. The Mayor also sees benefits of tourism dollars associated with this corridor.