

RESOLUTION NO. 1997-29

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE CREATION OF INTERSTATE 69 THROUGH NORTHWEST TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, the proposed I-69 is a major new trade route linking the industrial hearts of Canada and the United States with the Texas Gulf Ports and Mexico. This 1,800-mile highway is envisioned as a multi-state corridor providing the most efficient transportation option for cross-continent, multi-modal trade; and

WHEREAS, as economic opportunities become global and as population patterns become bicoastal, it becomes critical for the communities of mid-America to have the infrastructure that will prevent them from becoming uncompetitive in such a complex environment. To the people of West Tennessee, I-69 is more than a transportation corridor. It is the crucial competitive edge for future economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the construction of I-69 from Canada to Mexico would offer the economically depressed counties of West Tennessee opportunities to compete for distribution jobs. No single infrastructure project would have more profound, immediate effects than I-69, which would not only link Canada and Mexico, but also 4 million people in the West Tennessee trade area, their ports, their airports, and telecommunications to the global economy; and

WHEREAS, the I-69 project offers exciting and much-needed economic opportunities for West Tennessee -- 21 counties whose economies lagged behind statewide in regional growth during the past decade. The spinoffs that would ripple from this economic artery would boost job creation and business expansion throughout the West Tennessee region.

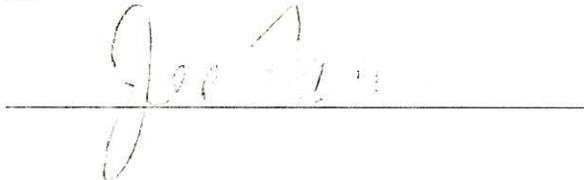
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Weakley County Board of Commissioners, assembled in regular session on this 25th day of November, 1996, hereby requests the federal Highway Administration to create Interstate 69 routed through West Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to federal Highway Administrator Rodney Slater, Senator Fred Thompson, Senator Bill Frist and Congressman John Tanner.

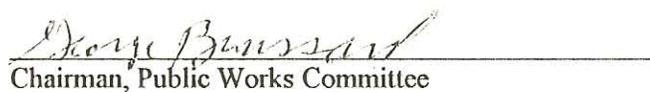
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY, THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:





ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:


Chairman, Public Works Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Bates that the foregoing resolution be approved.

Seconded by Commissioner Dunn. Upon being put to a roll call vote, motion

carried by a vote of :

AYES 20 NAYS no PASS no ABSENT none

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


PAT SCARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK


RON GIFFORD, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

This 25th day of November, 1996