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119TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. RES.

Recognizing the importance of the Interstate Highway System and supporting the development of an interstate through southern Ohio.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr.	TAYLOR	submitted	the	following	${\bf resolution};\\$	which	was	${\bf referred}$	to	the
	C	ommittee o	on.							

## RESOLUTION

- Recognizing the importance of the Interstate Highway System and supporting the development of an interstate through southern Ohio.
- Whereas, on June 29, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 to establish a 41,000-mile National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, known as the Interstate Highway System;
- Whereas, in 2025, this web of superhighways, now spanning a total of 46,876 miles throughout the United States, has had a powerful and positive impact on our national life;
- Whereas the Interstate Highway System has proven vital in transporting people and goods from one region to another speedily and safely;

- Whereas the Interstate Highway System has brought communities throughout the United States closer together and kept us connected to one another, as well as the larger world;
- Whereas the Interstate Highway System remains one of our country's paramount assets as well as a symbol of human ingenuity and freedom;
- Whereas the Interstate Highway System is vital to our national security by ensuring quick transportation for our military, equipment, and critical resources;
- Whereas the Interstate Highway System has facilitated trade both within our national borders and globally, and helped create unprecedented economic expansion and opportunities for millions of Americans;
- Whereas many areas in Appalachia, including in southern Ohio, have faced economic hardships over recent decades, an interstate could increase economic opportunities for Appalachian communities;
- Whereas the development of an interstate through southern Ohio could go directly past the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Pike County, Ohio;
- Whereas the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant and personnel were an integral part of the United States' nuclear deterrent during the Cold War;
- Whereas the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant is now being redeveloped, restored, and reopened for businesses, some of which have already started production at the site;
- Whereas an American company has started enriching uranium on site, which allows for the United States to be-

come more energy independent and strengthens national security;

- Whereas a leading defense technology company is building an advanced manufacturing facility south of Columbus, Ohio, as well;
- Whereas these sites, and the entire southern Ohio region, could greatly benefit from an interstate going south from Columbus, Ohio; and
- Whereas Ohio legislators have already supported a resolution to study a future interstate through the region to improve connectivity, safety, and economic growth in the State: Now, therefore, be it
  - 1 Resolved, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) recognizes the importance of the Interstate
- 3 Highway System;
- 4 (2) recognizes the economic boost and increased
- 5 national security that an interstate could provide to
- 6 a region; and
- 7 (3) supports the planning, designing, and devel-
- 8 opment of an interstate in southern Ohio going
- 9 south from Columbus, Ohio.