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#### SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Efforts by the Texas Transportation Commission to influence the United States Congress and other states for changes in federal law relating to the statewide transportation enhancement program imply that the Texas Department of Transportation opposes this popular program in the form it has administered for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Texans have embraced the program, which Congress established in 1991 to enhance the driving experience, as a way to improve the aesthetics of local roadways, affect the quality of the environment in every region, and contribute to the livelihoods of countless Texas communities; and

WHEREAS, As the agency charged with administering the program in Texas, the Texas Department of Transportation has a responsibility to ensure that money appropriated by Congress for scenic beautification, pedestrian and bicycle trails, and historic preservation is delivered to Texas cities and counties that depend on it; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Transportation Commission has chosen to reduce funding for the statewide transportation enhancement program and suspend the evaluation of the 332 applications submitted for program funding in response to a reduction in federal transportation funds allocated to Texas; and

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WHEREAS, Texas is known for its beauty and history, and Texans have traditionally prioritized the creation of scenic roads and trails and the preservation of the history of our great state to enhance the quality of life and strengthen the Texas economy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby request the Texas Transportation Commission to cease efforts to influence Congress and other states for changes in federal law relating to the statewide transportation enhancement program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the secretary of the senate forward an official copy of this Resolution to the Texas Office of State-Federal Relations and to the chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on March 14, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate