

1-1 By: Carona S.R. No. 2
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 3, 2007; February 14, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and
1-4 Homeland Security; February 26, 2007, reported adversely, with
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8,
1-6 Nays 0; February 26, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.R. No. 2 By: Carona

1-8 SENATE RESOLUTION

1-9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 WHEREAS, Efforts by the Texas Transportation Commission to
1-11 influence the United States Congress and other states for changes
1-12 in federal law relating to the statewide transportation enhancement
1-13 program imply that the Texas Department of Transportation opposes
1-14 this popular program in the form it has administered for 15 years;
1-15 and

1-16 WHEREAS, Texans have embraced the program, which Congress
1-17 established in 1991 to enhance the driving experience, as a way to
1-18 improve the aesthetics of local roadways, affect the quality of the
1-19 environment in every region, and contribute to the livelihoods of
1-20 countless Texas communities; and

1-21 WHEREAS, As the agency charged with administering the program
1-22 in Texas, the Texas Department of Transportation has a
1-23 responsibility to ensure that money appropriated by Congress for
1-24 scenic beautification, pedestrian and bicycle trails, and historic
1-25 preservation is delivered to Texas cities and counties that depend
1-26 on it; and

1-27 WHEREAS, The Texas Transportation Commission has chosen to
1-28 reduce funding for the statewide transportation enhancement
1-29 program and suspend the evaluation of the 332 applications
1-30 submitted for program funding in response to a reduction in federal
1-31 transportation funds allocated to Texas; and

1-32 WHEREAS, Texas is known for its beauty and history, and
1-33 Texans have traditionally prioritized the creation of scenic roads
1-34 and trails and the preservation of the history of our great state to
1-35 enhance the quality of life and strengthen the Texas economy; now,
1-36 therefore, be it

1-37 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th
1-38 Legislature, hereby request the Texas Transportation Commission to
1-39 cease efforts to influence Congress and other states for changes in
1-40 federal law relating to the statewide transportation enhancement
1-41 program; and, be it further

1-42 RESOLVED, That the secretary of the senate forward an
1-43 official copy of this resolution to the Texas Office of
1-44 State-Federal Relations and to the chairman of the Texas
1-45 Transportation Commission.

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