

By: Otto

H.R. No. 325

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The interstate highway system in the Lone Star State
2 is essential to the safe and efficient movement of freight and
3 passenger vehicles and to the competitive advantage of the state in
4 the global economy; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 1991, the U.S. Congress has passed a series of
6 bills designating U.S. Highways 59, 77, and 281 in Texas as part of
7 Interstate 69; in furtherance of that goal, the Texas
8 Transportation Commission is committed to upgrading existing
9 highways to interstate standard wherever possible in order to
10 minimize the need for additional land; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 100 local officials and individuals from
12 the private sector have served on the transportation commission's
13 I-69 Advisory Committee as well as on five segment committees,
14 identifying individual projects needed to upgrade these designated
15 highways; for more than two years, these committees solicited input
16 from thousands of citizens in communities along the route and have
17 received more than 500 comments from the public; and

18 WHEREAS, The Texas Department of Transportation has recently
19 funded interstate upgrade projects for a total of over \$637 million
20 along the route of I-69 and, with authorization from the Federal
21 Highway Administration, has added more than 40 miles to I-69 in
22 Texas; meanwhile, the FHWA is evaluating additional miles of the
23 route to be officially designated as part of the interstate system
24 in 2013; and

1 WHEREAS, The expansion of I-69 will play a tremendously
2 important part in the continuing growth of the Texas economy for
3 many years to come, and the efforts in support of this project by
4 the Texas Transportation Commission, the Texas Department of
5 Transportation, the Alliance for I-69 Texas, and numerous elected
6 officials and private citizens are indeed worthy of special
7 recognition; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize February 6, 2013, as I-69 Day at the
10 State Capitol and extend to all parties concerned sincere
11 appreciation for their work.