



RESOLUTION TO NAME TEXAS STATE HIGHWAY 130 IN HONOR OF J.J. 'JAKE' PICKLE

WHEREAS, the Honorable J.J. 'Jake' Pickle has been a tireless advocate for mobility in Central Texas both during and after his 31 years of service as a U.S. Representative, including efforts on behalf of the acquisition of the Giddings to Llano rail line for Capital Metro, the relocation of Austin's airport to Austin Bergstrom International Airport, and the founding of the Capital Area Transportation Coalition; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable J.J. 'Jake' Pickle foresaw the need for increased north-south infrastructure in the Austin-San Antonio Corridor before rapid population growth and before increased NAFTA truck traffic made Interstate 35 the deadliest and most congested stretch of highway in the nation, and

WHEREAS, the Honorable J.J. 'Jake' Pickle worked to secure funding of a reliever route for Interstate 35, which came to be known as State Highway 130, in the Intermodal Surface Transportation and Equity Act of 1991 and successfully achieved \$5.2 million for studies and environmental clearances that paved the way for construction of State Highway 130; and

WHEREAS, Texas Department of Transportation studies indicate that the economic impacts of State Highway 130 - in addition to public safety benefits, congestion relief, and trade mobility - will include \$36.5 billion in new economic activity along the first 48 miles of State Highway 130 and \$3.5 billion in new revenues to taxing jurisdictions along its route;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Executive Committee of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce proposes designating Texas State Highway 130 as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Turnpike," in tribute to the Honorable J.J. 'Jake' Pickle's lifetime of community service and his dedication to improving the quality of life and the economic health and well-being of Central Texas through enhancement of the Capital Area's transportation system.

ADOPTED ON THIS 13th DAY OF JULY 2005 BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
THE GREATER AUSTIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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