

1 Interstate 50th Anniversary Steering Committee to organize milestone
2 events on both the state and national levels; and

3 WHEREAS, Oklahoma is known as the "Crossroads of America" where
4 several major interstate highways converge, including Interstate 35,
5 Interstate 40, and Interstate 44; and

6 WHEREAS, the nation's first segment of an interstate highway to
7 connect two states was a portion of Interstate 35 completed in Kay
8 County in northern Oklahoma, connecting to Kansas, on April 22,
9 1958; and

10 WHEREAS, Oklahoma was one of the first states to complete its
11 rural interstates when, on June 2, 1975, in Beckham County in
12 western Oklahoma, a segment from the Texas state line to east of
13 Erick, Oklahoma, was dedicated, which opened the final segment of
14 our rural interstate highways; and

15 WHEREAS, twenty-one percent of the miles driven in Oklahoma are
16 on the interstate system; and

17 WHEREAS, the interstate system has provided untold benefits to
18 all Americans in terms of commerce, tourism, economic development,
19 safer travel and an efficient and effective transportation system
20 and it has significantly enriched our fabric of life; and

21 WHEREAS, we remain dedicated to identifying and meeting our
22 future needs and to the preservation and enhancement of Oklahoma's
23 interstate system.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:
3 THAT the State of Oklahoma hereby celebrates and offers its
4 sincere congratulations to the federal government of the United
5 State of America upon the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the
6 federal interstate system of highways.
7 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor,
8 the President of the United States and the Secretary of the United
9 States Department of Transportation.
10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, dated 2-14-06 - DO
11 PASS.