

By: Senator(s) Carmichael, Burton,  
Dickerson, Thames, Jackson, Farris, Little

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

1 A RESOLUTION URGING MISSISSIPPI'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO  
2 AUTHORIZE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND INTERSTATE 85 TO  
3 CONNECT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AND MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Alabama Senator Richard Shelby is introducing  
5 legislation to authorize the Federal Highway Administration to  
6 extend Interstate 85 to connect Montgomery, Alabama, and Meridian,  
7 Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, this is a matter of urgent interest to business,  
9 industry, residents, tourists, and the general economy of East  
10 Central Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Transportation is  
12 being requested to conduct an impact study of this project with  
13 emphasis on feasibility and economic effect; and

14 WHEREAS, it should be self-evident that an improved  
15 transportation infrastructure benefits economic development and  
16 quality of life; and

17 WHEREAS, this proposed highway construction is a natural  
18 extension of the federally-funded transportation hub in downtown  
19 Meridian, Mississippi, which has been formally announced by the  
20 federal officials and is underway at this time; and

21 WHEREAS, this project will advance the economic development  
22 of Central Mississippi as the Crossroads of the Deep South:

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
24 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby urge Mississippi's Congressional  
25 Delegation to authorize the construction and extension of  
26 Interstate 85 to connect Montgomery, Alabama, and Meridian,  
27 Mississippi.

28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State shall  
29 forward certified copies of this resolution to each member of  
30 Mississippi's Congressional Delegation and the Secretary of the  
31 United States Department of Transportation, and that this  
32 resolution be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.