

By: Representative Cameron

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO INTRODUCE AND  
2 SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING SUCH FUNDS AS MAY  
3 BE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FOUR-LANE  
4 BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT OR NEAR GREENVILLE,  
5 MISSISSIPPI.

6 WHEREAS, the economic development and continued growth of any  
7 area is closely connected to its transportation network; and

8 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 82 is a major part of the Mississippi  
9 Delta's transportation network and is designated as part of the  
10 National Highways of Significance system; and

11 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 82 connects the Mississippi Delta to  
12 Interstate 55 and other four-lane highways like U.S. Highway 61  
13 (north of U.S. Highway 82) and U.S. Highway 65, and will soon be  
14 four-laned from border to border in Mississippi; and

15 WHEREAS, the present U.S. Highway 82 bridge near Greenville,  
16 Mississippi, which carries traffic entering and exiting Arkansas  
17 and which is economically significant to both the Mississippi  
18 Delta and southeast Arkansas, is considered a serious navigational  
19 hazard; and

20 WHEREAS, a feasibility study has been completed and  
21 engineering and design studies will soon be completed that call  
22 for the construction of a new four-lane span bridge on U.S.  
23 Highway 82, built to interstate highway standards, with input by  
24 the Corps of Engineers on the bridge's location; and

25 WHEREAS, Congress wisely has enacted legislation to provide a  
26 significant portion of the funding required to defray construction  
27 costs of this project:



28           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
29 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
30 THEREIN, That we do hereby urge the United States Congress to  
31 introduce and to work in a diligent and proactive manner to  
32 support and secure the passage of such legislation as may be  
33 necessary to provide additional funds during the 2003-2004 fiscal  
34 year as may be necessary to fully fund the construction costs of  
35 a new four-lane bridge along U.S. Highway 82 near Greenville,  
36 Mississippi, in accordance with such engineering and design  
37 standards as may be approved.

38           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
39 furnished to the President of the United States Senate, the  
40 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member  
41 of the Mississippi Congressional Delegation and members of the  
42 Capitol Press Corps.

