

By: Representative Snowden

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING, IN CONCEPT, THE EXTENSION  
2 OF THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM TO CONNECT THE CITIES OF  
3 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AND MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, the Honorable Richard Shelby, Senior United States  
5 Senator from our great sister State of Alabama, has proposed an  
6 extension of the interstate highway system to connect the Capital  
7 City of Montgomery, Alabama, directly to the State of Mississippi  
8 with a junction at the City of Meridian in Lauderdale County,  
9 Mississippi, with such extension running east to west roughly  
10 parallel with the existing route of U.S. Highway 80; and

11 WHEREAS, although the great majority of the highway mileage  
12 constructed and maintained for such extension will be situated  
13 within the State of Alabama, the economic impact of such a  
14 connection would be of tremendous economic benefit to the State of  
15 Mississippi, especially to those areas situated along and within  
16 the existing I-20 "central corridor" from Vicksburg to Jackson to  
17 Meridian, and those areas situated along the existing I-59 from  
18 Gulfport to Hattiesburg to Meridian; and

19 WHEREAS, the Mississippi House of Representatives and the  
20 Mississippi Senate welcome close cooperation with and support of  
21 our Alabama neighbors to facilitate this transportation project  
22 that has such enormous potential for a positive economic  
23 development impact upon our entire region:

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
26 THEREIN, That we do hereby wholeheartedly endorse, in concept, the  
27 extension of the interstate highway system to connect the Cities

28 of Montgomery, Alabama, and Meridian, Mississippi, and further  
29 hereby do lend our support to the proposal of the esteemed Senior  
30 United States Senator, Richard Shelby of Alabama, to develop and  
31 execute a plan to make such an extension a reality for the  
32 citizens of the great sister States of Alabama and Mississippi.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
34 furnished to the Honorable Richard Shelby and to the members of  
35 the Capitol Press Corps.