



# ***RIVER OF TRADE CORRIDOR COALITION***

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## **Resolution of the River of Trade Corridor Coalition to Pursue a Congressional High Priority Corridor Designation for the Entire River of Trade Corridor**

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**Description: A resolution to seek federal legislation that will recognize the significant impact of the River of Trade Corridor in goods movement and international trade throughout the United States.**

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**WHEREAS,** The River of Trade Corridor Coalition includes over 300 members uniting cities, counties, transportation authorities, freight movement entities, and businesses along the significant goods movement trade corridor to protect, maximize, and expand commerce and the economic vitality of the corridor, while mitigating congestion and facilitating a cleaner environment; and

**WHEREAS,** Congressional High Priority Corridors are defined as specifically designated highway corridors, which bear national significance as a result of their role in international trade; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2005, the River of Trade Corridor Coalition was successful in achieving a Congressional High Priority Corridor designation for a significant section of the River of Trade Corridor in the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Legislation, H.R. 3, SAFETEA-LU. This designation identified Interstates 30 and 40 between Dallas, Texas and Memphis, Tennessee via Little Rock and North Little Rock, Arkansas; and

**WHEREAS,** There are many segments of the River of Trade Corridor that are not currently designated as Congressional High Priority Corridors.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER OF TRADE CORRIDOR COALITION:**

**THAT** It is important to connect the previously designated segments of the River of Trade Corridor and achieve a Congressional High Priority Corridor designation for the entire Corridor.

**THAT** The remaining sections of the Corridor to be designated include an east/west designation starting at Interstate 10 from the western edge of New Mexico through Las Cruces and El Paso, Midland, Odessa, and Fort Worth, Texas to the I-35 connection in the Dallas/Forth Worth Metroplex; a northeasterly designation from Memphis to Nashville, Tennessee; through Louisville, Kentucky then to Cincinnati, Ohio.

**THAT** This resolution shall be circulated to interested parties including River of Trade Corridor Coalition members, ROTCC Congressional Caucus, ROTCC Legislative Caucus, as well as governors, state departments of transportation, metropolitan planning organizations, chambers of commerce, appropriate media and others along the nine state River of Trade Corridor and is so accordingly ordered.

CONSIDERED AND APPROVED BY THE RIVER OF TRADE CORRIDOR COALITION at the June 2007 ROTCC International Quarterly Meeting, this the 14th day of June, 2007.

ATTESTED BY:

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