

House Resolution 368

By: Representatives Smith of the 134th, Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th, and Smith of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the construction of Interstate 14; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, many communities in southern and middle Georgia currently lack access to the
3 commercial, agricultural, and medical benefits provided by proximity to an interstate
4 highway; and

5 WHEREAS, the proposed Interstate 14, or I-14, will provide these benefits by linking rural
6 communities to cities along a sweeping new route stretching from Kileen, Texas, to Augusta,
7 Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, I-14 will connect a significant number of military installations, seaports, major
9 cities, and highways to each other; and

10 WHEREAS, I-14 will alleviate many of the transportation issues faced by Georgia, including
11 traffic jams, bottlenecks, and a lack of highway; and in doing so, it would provide a massive
12 boon to Georgia's thriving shipping industry by facilitating more rapid transportation of
13 goods; and

14 WHEREAS, with the completion of I-14 in Georgia, the fastest growing port in the nation,
15 Port Savannah, will have greater access to the interstate system, as will the Port of
16 Brunswick; and

17 WHEREAS, multiple forms of business development will benefit with interstate access,
18 including travel-related businesses, and areas of manufacturing, agriculture, and construction;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Texas is currently the only state that has an existing portion of I-14 completed
21 and has received a congressional designation for I-14; however, much of the infrastructure

22 along the proposed I-14 route already exists in Georgia as the Fall Line Freeway, which
23 would need modification to meet interstate standards; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the construction of an interstate of such
25 ample beneficence be appropriately supported.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body urge the construction of Interstate 14.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 Georgia Delegation of the United States Congress and the Board and Commissioner of the
31 Georgia Department of Transportation.