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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **State Highways - Route 404 Dualization - Legion Road to Double Hills Road**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the Governor to instruct the Secretary of the Department
4 of Transportation to allocate the remaining \$4,500,000 of the projected cost for
5 completion of the dualization of the 1-mile stretch of Route 404 from Legion
6 Road to Double Hills Road and completion of the related service roads.

7 WHEREAS, U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski has secured for the dualization of
8 Route 404 \$3,000,000 in federal money which will be lost if State funds are not
9 obligated by September 30, 2002; and

10 WHEREAS, The obligation of State funds requires approval of construction
11 plans and identification of the matching State funds; and

12 WHEREAS, Goal 2 of the 2002 Maryland Transportation Plan is to "protect the
13 current investment in the State's transportation system before investing in system
14 expansion"; and

15 WHEREAS, Goal 9 of the 2002 Maryland Transportation Plan is to "secure
16 adequate resources to build, operate, and maintain a high quality transportation
17 system"; and

18 WHEREAS, Goal 4 of the 2002 Maryland Transportation Plan is to "design,
19 build, and operate facilities, services, and programs that reduce the rate of injury and
20 deaths" to those who use the State's transportation system; and

21 WHEREAS, An inordinate number of accidents, injuries, and fatalities continue
22 to occur along the 1-mile stretch of Route 404 from Legion Road to Double Hills Road;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, AAA Mid-Atlantic has designated the Route 404 dualization from
25 U.S. Route 50 to Delaware as one of their top 10 priorities for the 2002 General
26 Assembly Session; and

27 WHEREAS, Goal 6 of the 2002 Maryland Transportation Plan is to "provide
28 people with transportation choices for convenient, accessible, and effective mobility to
29 key destinations"; and

1 WHEREAS, Private citizens, local government, and legislators have pressed for
2 dualization for years; and

3 WHEREAS, Goal 7 of the 2002 Maryland Transportation Plan is to "enhance
4 transportation services and facilities used by business travelers, recreational
5 travelers, and tourists"; and

6 WHEREAS, 37% of the beach resort traffic currently uses Route 404, with
7 traffic counts consistently reaching 13,000 vehicles daily on weekends between the
8 months of May and September; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
10 General Assembly urges the Governor to direct the Secretary of the Department of
11 Transportation to allocate the remaining \$4,500,000 necessary for completion of the
12 dualization of the 1-mile stretch of Route 404 from Legion Road to Double Hills Road
13 and completion of the related service roads; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
15 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
16 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the
17 Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; the Honorable
18 John D. Porcari, Secretary of the Department of Transportation; the Honorable
19 Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Lieutenant Governor of Maryland; and each member of
20 the Maryland Congressional Delegation.