

State of the State of Minnesota, be instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Maritime Commission and to each member of Congress from the State of Minnesota.

Approved April 5, 1955.

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RESOLUTION NO. 7—S. F. No. 789

*A joint resolution memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States, requesting a re-allocation and increased strategic mileage in the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1944 to add United States Highway Two (2) to the National Interstate Highway System.*

WHEREAS, the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1944, which act amended the Federal Road act, approved July 11, 1916, as amended and supplemented, provided that "There shall be designated in the Continental United States a national system of interstate highways not exceeding 40,000 miles in extent, so located as to connect by routes as direct as practicable the principal metropolitan areas, cities and industrial centers, to serve the national defense and to connect at suitable border points with routes of continental importance in the Dominion of Canada and the Republic of Mexico", and

WHEREAS, the Act further provided that "The routes of the National System of Interstate Highways shall be selected by joint action of the highway departments of the several states and the adjoining states", and in another provision required approval by the Federal Works Administrator, and

WHEREAS, Phillip B. Fleming, Major General, United States Army, Administrator of the Federal Works Agencies, caused to be entered a certificate of approval of the National System of Interstate Highways, dated the second day of August, 1947, which adopted a National System of Interstate Highways, selected by the joint action of the State Highway Departments of each state and adjoining states, and

WHEREAS, the National System of Interstate Highways selected, modified and revised, as aforesaid, is comprised of routes totaling approximately 37,800 miles in extent, and

WHEREAS, there is a balance of 2,200 miles within the 40,000 mile limit provided for in the Federal Aid Act of 1944 which can be placed on the Interstate System, and

WHEREAS, United States Highway Two (2) is the short-

est route through arterial highway link between Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and Seattle, Washington, and runs parallel to the northern border of the United States and intercepts all highway communications with Canada in the States of Minnesota, North Dakota, and several other boundary states, and

WHEREAS, said United States Highway Two (2) plays an ever increasing integral and necessary role in the tremendous development of the country's Natural Resources, namely, oil, coal, gas, iron ore, nuclear and other minerals, as well as the vast timber industry, and in the vast development of power being generated by the dams constructed and being constructed in the Northwest, and in the expanding industrial development potential in the several states and in Canada, notably in the Provinces of Manitoba and Alberta, all of which demands a revision and an increase in our vital defense needs, and

WHEREAS, the said United States Highway Two (2), which can without any difficulty be linked from east coast to west coast through the States of New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, and connected with Canada's highways Nine (9) from New York to Montreal and Highway Seventeen (17) from Montreal to Sault Ste. Marie, which are of importance in the Dominion of Canada, is the only connection between our air defense bases, the number of which and the personnel involved are known only to Congress, and Department of Defense officials, along the entire northern defense perimeter of the continental United States, and

WHEREAS, under the hourly maximum traffic classifications, the interstate designation of United States Highway Two (2) to be determined by the Bureau of Public Roads, can be the classification of interstate rural, under the specification for the interstate system set out by the bureau, this could call for a two-lane highway with a 100 foot right of way, and

WHEREAS, the total mileage involved in this petition is approximately 2,178 miles in length and connects at points in seven states from the city of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to the city of Everett, Washington, and

WHEREAS, while this is a petition from the State of Minnesota, it is contemplated the joining by the several other states with similar petitions, action having already been started in the states of North Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington, this is especially true in view of the gigantic growth and expansion of the areas served by, contiguous to and adjacent to United States Highway Two (2) because such

areas, at their accelerated progress, resulting from a shift of population and industry to the Northwestern states, and increasing industrial expansion in all areas, demand a revision of the transportation needs, and

WHEREAS, this request that the designation of United States Highway Two (2) be placed on the National System of Interstate Highways is made without prejudice to existing Interstate Highways in the state of Minnesota and in the other states served by United States Highway Two (2),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, in regular session assembled, the Senate and House of Representatives concurring, do, most earnestly and respectfully, request that the Congress of the United States recognize the strategic importance of United States Highway Two (2), and through the proper federal agencies take immediate action to have United States Highway Two (2) designated an integral part of the National system of Defense highways, and that it be placed on the National System of Interstate Highways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State of Minnesota be instructed to transmit copies of this joint resolution to the President of the United States and to each Member of Congress of the United States from the State of Minnesota.

Approved April 19, 1955.

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RESOLUTION No. 8—S. F. No. 1563

*A concurrent resolution memorializing Congress to cause to be issued coins commemorating the Centennial of the admission of the State of Minnesota into the Union.*

WHEREAS, by act of Congress Minnesota was admitted to the Union May 11, 1858; and

WHEREAS, plans are being made for a state wide celebration of this Centennial in the year 1958; and

WHEREAS, Congress has many times previously authorized the issuance by the United States Treasury of commemorative coins for other states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Congress be requested to enact such legislation as may be necessary to