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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota has completed rebuilding and resurfacing two areas of Highway US 16 between Custer, South Dakota, and Newcastle, Wyoming, which has substantially improved the major east-west truck route, and

WHEREAS, a four-mile section of this highway in the Hell Canyon area is yet to be improved, and

WHEREAS, this four-mile section of highway is considered a safety risk with its steep sides and nineteen narrow curves, and

WHEREAS, this highway is traversed by heavy truck traffic and tourist traffic, and

WHEREAS, the existing highway lies along the Jewel Cave fault which causes concern for potential chemical spills into Jewel Cave, and

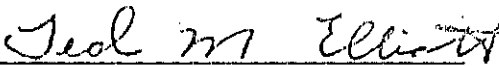
WHEREAS, a recent South Dakota Highway patrol report identified US 16 through Hell Canyon as one of the most serious highway safety problems in the state, and

WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming, County of Weston's economic development plan promotes this road as a route to major tourist attractions such as Yellowstone Park, Devils Tower, and many other fine attractions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Weston County Commissioners support the completion of the US 16 Highway construction project including the construction of a bridge to span Hell Canyon and urge South Dakota elected officials to eagerly pursue this project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioners request the Wyoming Legislative delegation join the South Dakota delegation in their efforts to promote the worthiness of this project and to secure the necessary federal funding to complete the project.

DATED this 21st day of March, 1995.


Ted M. Elliott, Chairman