

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF POLK

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## Resolution in Support of the Expansion of I-14

**WHEREAS**, Texas has become a magnet for job and population growth from all regions of the United States and is adding population by more than one thousand people per day; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Demographic Center projected in 2019 that the Texas population will reach 47.4 million by 2050 which represents an 88.3% increase over the next 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the I-14 Gulf Coast Strategic Highway System will provide significant additional transportation capacity to help the State of Texas accommodate these growth trends and at the same time will provide economic development opportunities in counties along the Central Texas Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas has become the most prolific producer of oil and natural gas in the United States and is now a net exporter of energy to world markets; and

**WHEREAS**, the I-14 Gulf Coast Strategic Highway System will provide a needed link between the world's most prolific oil and gas producing region in the Permian Basin and our Gulf Coast seaports; and

**WHEREAS**, the I-14 Gulf Coast Strategic Highway System will provide a safe and efficient transportation artery between our state's military facilities, and those of neighboring states, and their Strategic Deployment Ports at Beaumont and Corpus Christi; and

**WHEREAS**, the I-14 corridor across Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi will provide a needed future alternative to Interstate 10 and Interstate 20 for cross-country travel including freight traffic which in Texas is projected to double by 2040; and

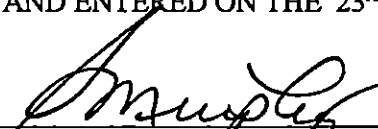
**WHEREAS**, the I-14 Gulf Coast Strategic Highway System will provide improved means of evacuating coastal areas and will provide a high elevation alternative to periodic closures of sections of Interstate 10 due to high water; and

**WHEREAS**, Representative Brian Babin and 10 House co-sponsors from Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi have introduced H.R. 2220 to accomplish an expanded I-14 designation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Polk County Commissioners Court does hereby support congressional legislative action expanding the Central Texas Corridor and establishing a Central Louisiana Corridor and a Central Mississippi Corridor, and that each expanded segment of these corridors be designated as a part of the Future Interstate Route 14.

As defined in H.R. 2220, the expanded Central Texas Corridor designation should commence at SH 338 in Odessa and then should generally follow SH 158 from Midland to Sterling City, and then follow US 87 from Sterling City through San Angelo to Brady; and the Central Texas Corridor should include interstate spur connectors generally following US 83 from Eden to Junction; US 69 from Woodville to Beaumont; and US 96 from Jasper to Beaumont.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND ENTERED ON THE 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2019

  
Sydney Murphy, County Judge

ATTEST:

  
Schelana Hock, County Clerk