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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE RESOLUTION 2220
PROVIDING FOR COORDINATION WITH ACTION TAKEN ON THE FAST ACT AND THE "INTERSTATE
14 EXPANSION & IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2019"**

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 Sabine County Commissioners Court:

The Sabine County Commissioners Court supports 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.

Passed, the 28th day of October, 2019 in Regular session of the Commissioners Court of Sabine County, Texas.

ATTEST: Daryl Melton
Daryl Melton, County Judge

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Janice McDaniel, County Clerk

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