

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 11—Assemblymen  
Hansen, Ellison; and McArthur

Joint Sponsor: Senator Gustavson

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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to ensure  
that the Intermountain West Corridor does not bypass  
Mineral County.

WHEREAS, On December 4, 2015, the 114th Congress passed the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which designated the Intermountain West Corridor as a high-priority corridor on the National Highway System; and

WHEREAS, The FAST Act established that the Intermountain West Corridor, from the vicinity of Las Vegas north to Reno, should follow U.S. Route 95 and terminate at Interstate 80; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Nevada Department of Transportation voted unanimously to designate U.S. Route 95 as the primary route of the Intermountain West Corridor from the Las Vegas vicinity extending north, terminating at Interstate 80; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Route 95 runs through the heart of Mineral County, home of the Hawthorne Weapons and Ammunition Depot (HWAD) which encompasses 147,000 acres and where Army, Navy and Marine special forces are trained year-round in the unique aspects of mountainous terrain and a high desert environment similar to that found in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Through the U.S. Army’s Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support (ARMS) Program, the 16,800-acre Hawthorne Technology and Industry Park at HWAD is the only facility of its kind west of Missouri certified as an ARMS site, which is a site designed to encourage commercial use of the facility through various incentives, encourage businesses to locate there, create jobs and new industries, yet retain the Depot’s ability to carry out its primary mission; and

WHEREAS, Hawthorne and Mineral County possess both the natural and man-made resources to support the original mission of the Interstate Highway System and the goals of the Intermountain West Corridor project, including existing rail service, a dedicated railroad bed extending to Tonopah, existing geothermal and solar installations with the capacity to greatly expand renewable energy opportunities with the addition of transmission lines within the U.S. Route 95 and the Intermountain West Corridor, an airport capable of



landing a C-130 cargo plane, an on-site fire and emergency rapid response department and 24-hour security; and

WHEREAS, Hawthorne is centrally located 265 miles from Sacramento, 385 miles from Los Angeles, 513 miles from Salt Lake City, 612 miles from Phoenix, 133 miles from Reno and 314 miles from Las Vegas, and is strategically located to provide excellent highway access to surrounding states and the entire west coast region; and

WHEREAS, Regionally, it is estimated that the Intermountain West Corridor will result in a \$24 billion economic benefit, create 240,000 jobs and provide up to \$39 billion in travel benefits; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to continue to pursue the original intent of the FAST Act and establish that the Intermountain West Corridor, from the vicinity of Las Vegas north to Reno, will follow U.S. Route 95 and terminate at Interstate 80 and not bypass Mineral County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to each member of the Board of Directors of the Nevada Department of Transportation, the Director of the Nevada Department of Transportation, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

