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An Act

Dec. 29, 1987

[H.R. 3734]

To recognize the significance of the administration of the Federal-Aid Highway System and to express appreciation to Ray A. Barnhart for his dedicated efforts in improving the Federal-Aid Highway System.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) the funding of the Federal-Aid Highway System has resulted in the development of the greatest system of highways in the world;

(2) such System has enhanced the social and economic well-being of the people of the United States;

(3) administration of such System has become one of the most significant responsibilities;

(4) Ray A. Barnhart who is retiring as Federal Highway Administrator on December 31, 1987, has served as administrator of such System longer than any other person in the history of the Department of Transportation;

(5) Ray A. Barnhart was in the forefront of the coalition which strived successfully to increase the Nation's highway user fees so that our Nation's transportation system could be improved without increasing the Nation's deficit;

(6) Ray A. Barnhart has labored to make certain that highway user fees are utilized only for transportation purposes thus preserving the sanctity of the Highway Trust Fund;

(7) Ray A. Barnhart has persevered in his leadership of the fight against gasoline and diesel fuel tax evasion;

(8) Ray A. Barnhart has worked vigorously to improve safety on our Nation's roads;

(9) Ray A. Barnhart's efforts on behalf of highway safety have included the reorganization of the Federal Highway Administration to upgrade its emphasis on truck and bus safety through the establishment of an Associate Administrator for Motor Carriers;

(10) Ray A. Barnhart has endeavored to preserve, continue, and enhance the high level of professional expertise that has been a hallmark of the Federal Highway Administration;

(11) Ray A. Barnhart is leaving Federal service with the same open door policy and management style that he brought to Washington nearly 7 years ago;

(12) Ray A. Barnhart has demonstrated unflinching professional and personal integrity; and

(13) Ray A. Barnhart has on most occasions been an outstanding ally and when necessary a worthy adversary but always a spokesman for what he believed best for our Nation's highway system.

SEC. 2. RECOGNITION AND EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE.

In recognition of the importance of the Federal-Aid Highway System and the administration of such System, the United States Government hereby expresses its gratitude to Ray A. Barnhart for his honest, effective, and meaningful efforts to preserve and improve such System—one of the Nation's most vital assets, an asset that contributes mightily to the economic welfare of the Nation and the lifestyle of the American people.

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