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The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LR 286CA is a constitutional amendment to place the Highway Trust Fund into the Nebraska Constitution. The resolution allows any current deviations from the Fund's three main funding sources (motor fuel tax, sales tax on motor vehicles, motor vehicle registration fees) to remain in place as authorized by law on January 1, 2011. The Legislature may provide for other sources of funding for the Highway Trust Fund through statutory law.

The Highway Trust Fund shall be used exclusively for:

- 1. the maintenance, preservation, and expansion of the state's highways, roads, and streets, including related expenses;
- 2. administration expenses for the collection of motor fuel taxes, sales tax on motor vehicles, and motor vehicle registration fees; and
- 3. any other use authorized by law as of January 1, 2011.

A constitutional provision shall ensure that the three main highway user fees continue to be used for highway purposes in the future.

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