Washington, DC – Congressman Steve King released the following statement after cutting the ribbon at the grand opening and dedication ceremony for the newly finished four-lane section of US highway 20 between Rockwell City and Early today. King has been a vocal advocate for this project for decades. Throughout his time in Congress, King has helped to secure more than $26 million in federal funds for completion of four-lane Highway 20 and the program included $101.7 million total in funding.

Congressman Steve King cuts the ribbon to new four-lane US Highway 20 with (left to right): Shirley Phillips, President of the US Hwy 20 Association; Governor Terry Branstad; Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds; Congressman Steve King; Paul Trombino, DOT Director.

"A four-lane Highway 20 was my number one transportation priority since before I was first elected to the Iowa Senate. I remember how impossible many said it was to overcome all the obstacles," said King. "Cutting this ribbon today symbolizes, not only the opening of an additional 26.2 miles, but that the most difficult obstacles have been overcome.

Today, US 20 is a four-lane expressway from Dubuque to Early. This expansion of US 20 will help ensure that economic growth means increased jobs, population, and prosperity for Iowans and those economically connected to Iowa. Today is also a day to celebrate the smart, hard work and perseverance it took to get this job done. I thank all the stakeholders who have worked together to see this segment open and we will continue to work together until we celebrate the opening of the last mile of this important highway. This remains my number one transportation priority as a Member of Congress and it is a victory for western Iowa to see it

completed."