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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois Bicentennial is a once-in-a-lifetime
3 opportunity for the Illinois Tollway to celebrate and
4 commemorate our State's 200th birthday and leave a lasting
5 legacy by renaming Illinois Route 390 as "The Illinois
6 Bicentennial Memorial Tollway"; and

7 WHEREAS, Illinois Route 390 is considered a Project of
8 National and Regional Significance by the U.S. Department of
9 Transportation; the project represents a fiscally responsible
10 approach to addressing the area's diverse travel needs which
11 include improving travel efficiency, providing western access
12 to O'Hare International Airport, creating opportunities for
13 jobs and economic development, enhancing multi-modal
14 connections, and reducing congestion; and

15 WHEREAS, The Illinois Route 390 Tollway leads the way to
16 one of the nation's busiest airports, O'Hare International
17 Airport; it provides direct access to interstate highways,
18 transit facilities, major freight hubs, and distribution
19 centers; with the support of a Local Advisory Committee,
20 communities help guide the progress on this Project of National
21 and Regional Significance; and

22 WHEREAS, The Illinois Route 390 Tollway was completed in

1 four years using sustainable construction practices, including
2 the reuse and recycling of all existing pavement removed from
3 the old Elgin O'Hare Expressway; and

4 WHEREAS, Through a collaborative partnership, the
5 communities and counties along the corridor have been engaged
6 throughout every stage of the project's implementation; this
7 major infrastructure project will bring access and economic
8 benefits to local communities and the region, while also
9 creating an aesthetically pleasing corridor to support
10 collective goals of the partners; and

11 WHEREAS, The Illinois Tollway takes its role as an
12 environmental steward seriously; on the Illinois Route 390
13 Tollway, all existing pavement was removed, reused, and
14 recycled within the project; more than 3,000 new trees and
15 5,000 shrubs were planted throughout the corridor; the Tollway
16 implemented innovative water quality management practices for
17 Illinois Route 390 in partnership with the DuPage River Salt
18 Creek Work Group and adjoining communities; and

19 WHEREAS, Illinois Route 390 is leading the way in creating
20 new growth opportunities by creating 127 square miles of
21 economic development opportunity in the area west of O'Hare
22 International Airport; the vision is to create economic
23 opportunities and provide opportunities for employment for the

1 citizens of the State of Illinois; Illinois Route 390 provides
2 a gateway to future economic opportunities as we move into the
3 next century; and

4 WHEREAS, At the east end of the corridor, with the
5 completion of I-490 connecting the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway
6 (I-90) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), improvements in the
7 area will be transformed for the City of Chicago, DuPage County
8 northeastern Illinois, and the entire nation; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
11 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the entirety of Illinois
12 Route 390 as the "Illinois Bicentennial Memorial Tollway" in
13 recognition of our State's 200th birthday; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority is
15 requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State
16 and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving
17 notice of the name "The Illinois Bicentennial Memorial
18 Tollway"; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
20 distributed to the Chairman of the Board and the Executive
21 Director of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and
22 Governor Bruce Rauner.