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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The essential transportation infrastructure in
3 Illinois is crumbling, putting not only the ability to create
4 new jobs in Illinois at risk, but also the economic activity
5 that already exists in Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, International trends in infrastructure capital
7 financing offer hope to create a massive cycle of reinvestment
8 in American infrastructure, both across the nation and within
9 Illinois, without imposing an undue burden on taxpayers; and

10 WHEREAS, This cycle of reinvestment within Illinois must
11 concentrate on the 2,181 miles of interstate-quality highways
12 throughout the State; this mileage, with its pavement and
13 bridges, constitutes the third-longest mileage of
14 interstate-rated highway mileage among the 50 states; and

15 WHEREAS, The Transportation for Illinois Coalition
16 estimated 40 percent of Illinois road mileage and 20 percent of
17 Illinois bridges will be in unacceptable condition by 2020
18 unless something significant is done in the near future; and

19 WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Transportation and the
20 White House have collaborated on a nationwide capital plan,
21 "Building America's Infrastructure," to utilize federal,

1 state, local, and private sources to raise \$1.5 trillion in
2 funds for a cycle of American capital infrastructure investment
3 and reinvestment; and

4 WHEREAS, States that cooperate with "Building America's
5 Infrastructure" are expected to be granted a share of the more
6 than \$200 billion in federal funds that will be paid out within
7 the states that adhere to the principles and programmatic
8 objectives outlined in the plan; and

9 WHEREAS, We call for Illinois to take concrete steps toward
10 cooperation with the "Building America's Infrastructure" plan
11 and principles; these steps will require Illinois to enact a
12 new, statewide long-term capital plan; and

13 WHEREAS, The new, long-term capital plan for Illinois
14 should conform to the principles set down in our State's "Safe
15 Roads" constitutional amendment, which sets aside additional
16 money for transportation infrastructure from existing cash
17 flow by preventing the use of State road funds as a "piggy
18 bank" for financial raids; and

19 WHEREAS, The new, long-term capital plan for Illinois
20 should cooperate with the federal administration and with the
21 principles set forth in the "Building America's
22 Infrastructure" plan, so that Illinois can enjoy access to its

1 share of federal moneys for the work to be done here in
2 Illinois; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 call upon the Governor of Illinois and the Illinois Department
6 of Transportation to work with the U.S. Department of
7 Transportation to initiate these State-federal ties; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That we call for enactment of a statewide
10 long-term transportation capital infrastructure reinvestment
11 plan, based upon the principles of reallocation of the State's
12 road funds, so that these funds are spent for transportation
13 infrastructure only, full cooperation with the federal
14 administration and the "Building America's Infrastructure"
15 plan, and an adherence to the principles of federal, state,
16 local, and private cooperation in the raising and utilization
17 of moneys for transportation capital investment; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
20 presented to Governor Bruce Rauner, to Illinois Department of
21 Transportation Secretary Randall S. Blankenhorn, and to U.S.
22 Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao.