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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The history of Chicago's Du Sable Lake Shore
3 Drive dates back to the 19th century, when Chicagoans
4 advocated for the creation of a scenic lake shore roadway;
5 this concept was incorporated into architect and urban planner
6 Daniel Burnham's 1909 Plan of Chicago; and

7 WHEREAS, Over time, Du Sable Lake Shore Drive was extended
8 to connect Chicago's downtown, north side, and south side lake
9 fronts, including beaches, parks, and recreational areas,
10 becoming an iconic and treasured part of Chicago and providing
11 access to nature and recreation; and

12 WHEREAS, Du Sable Lake Shore Drive also serves as a
13 critical thoroughfare for mobility, moving tens of thousands
14 of vehicles per day and thousands of people utilizing public
15 transportation; and

16 WHEREAS, Climate change driven by global warming has
17 created challenges for people all over the world, including in
18 Chicago, which has faced erosion along the shorelines of Lake
19 Michigan and deterioration of structures designed to provide
20 protection for Du Sable Lake Shore Drive; and

21 WHEREAS, The Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)

1 and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) are
2 considering proposals to redesign and reimagine Du Sable Lake
3 Shore Drive, parts of which contain infrastructure constructed
4 during the tenure of President Franklin Roosevelt as part of
5 his administration's New Deal programs; and

6 WHEREAS, A redesign and re-imagination of Du Sable Lake
7 Shore Drive offers the opportunity to ensure that Du Sable
8 Lake Shore Drive can be a lake front transportation corridor
9 that serves residents, attracts tourists, and provides
10 economic benefits and does so in a climate-friendly,
11 efficient, and reliable manner; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we urge CDOT and IDOT to transform Du Sable Lake Shore Drive
15 into a true boulevard and to be creative and forward-thinking
16 in their redesign of Du Sable Lake Shore Drive, to incorporate
17 safe and efficient multimodal transportation throughout Du
18 Sable Lake Shore Drive for pedestrians, cyclists, public
19 transit users, and drivers, to emphasize green urban mobility,
20 to ensure that any proposed changes are considered as part of a
21 comprehensive plan for efficient traffic management and
22 movement of people, including during special events and
23 weather challenges, to create more green space and
24 recreational opportunities for Chicagoans as well as visitors,

1 and to repurpose, where possible, existing infrastructure as
2 part of expanded recreational opportunities; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable cop of this resolution be
4 delivered to CDOT and IDOT.