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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) stated in its 2021 report card that the United States received a grade of C- regarding the current state of infrastructure and that more than six trillion dollars is needed to restore the nation's infrastructure to a state of good repair; over two trillion dollars is currently not funded, and the remainder is inadequately funded; new, 21st Century projects are also unfunded; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois ASCE 2022 Report Card assigned the State's systems a cumulative grade of "C-"; the report analyzes 11 categories of infrastructure pertinent to Illinois, including aviation (C+), bridges (C), dams (C+), drinking water (D+), inland waterways (D), ports (C-), rail (C+), roads (D+), storm water (D+), transit (D+), and wastewater (C-); and

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WHEREAS, Out of four million total water service lines, over 675,000 have been identified as lead and almost 380,000 as copper with lead solder services; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois' aging drinking water infrastructure is leading to leaking pipelines, costing taxpayers money and critical resources; in 2017, a total of 106 million gallons

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1 per day (MGD) were lost among Lake Michigan allocation  
2 permittees, or 13% of total water supplied; additional funding  
3 is needed for aging storm water infrastructure that must keep  
4 up with increasing rainfall trends from climate change; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois needs at least 300,000 new units of  
6 affordable housing for the most housing insecure; and

7 WHEREAS, There are 2,405 bridges in poor condition, or 9%  
8 of all bridges in the State that are crossed by motorists every  
9 day; approximately 70% of Illinois bridges in poor condition  
10 are owned by counties, towns, or cities, suggesting the local  
11 maintenance backlog is a significant challenge; and

12 WHEREAS, U.S. Reps. Danny Davis and Jesus "Chuy" Garcia  
13 introduced H.R. 4052 (The National Infrastructure Bank Act) on  
14 June 13, 2023 in the 118th U.S. Congress; this would create a  
15 \$5 trillion bank to finance all infrastructure requirements to  
16 bring the system to a state of good repair and build new  
17 projects; and

18 WHEREAS, The new national infrastructure bank is modeled  
19 on previous banks that helped build much of the country's  
20 infrastructure under Presidents George Washington, James  
21 Madison, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt; the last  
22 such bank helped bring us out of the Great Depression and win

1 World War II; and

2 WHEREAS, The new national infrastructure bank will create  
3 25 million new jobs, pay Davis-Bacon wages, and enforce Buy  
4 America provisions; Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will  
5 receive significant disbursements, and the bill mandates  
6 large-scale minority hiring; the bank will require no new  
7 federal spending or federal taxes; according to experts, the  
8 bank will grow the economy by 5% per year as did its  
9 predecessors; and

10 WHEREAS, Many organizations are in support of a new  
11 national infrastructure bank, including the National Black  
12 Caucus of State Legislators, the National Hispanic Caucus of  
13 State Legislators, the National Asian-Pacific American Caucus  
14 of State Legislators, the Council of State Governments-East,  
15 the National Association of Counties, the National Association  
16 of Development Organizations, the US High Speed Rail  
17 Association, the National Latino Farmers and Ranchers Trade  
18 Association, the American Sustainable Business Council, the  
19 National Association of Minority Contractors, and the United  
20 Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters International Union;  
21 in addition, 26 state legislatures have introduced or passed  
22 resolutions of support, as have county and city councils,  
23 including the Chicago City Council; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the United  
3 States Congress to pass H.R. 4052 to create a new national  
4 infrastructure bank to finance urgently needed infrastructure  
5 projects; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
7 delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S.  
8 Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the  
9 U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives  
10 Minority Leader, all members of the Illinois Congressional  
11 Delegation, and the Governor.