

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Lake County has an abundance of vibrant  
3 communities, growing employment centers, natural resources,  
4 and traffic congestion; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the 2000 census, the county has  
6 grown to over 640,000 residents, already surpassing the  
7 population forecasted for the year 2010; and

8 WHEREAS, The county's rapid development has outpaced its  
9 transportation infrastructure, making congestion relief the  
10 top priority of residents, community leaders, and elected  
11 officials; and

12 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Transportation and  
13 the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority formed the Lake  
14 County Transportation Improvement Project in the spring of  
15 1998 to identify the major congestion problems and recommend  
16 a package of improvements; and

17 WHEREAS, The Lake County Transportation Improvement  
18 Project released an Environmental Impact Statement last year  
19 concluding that extending Route 53 into central Lake County  
20 is the most effective, cheapest, safest, and cleanest way to  
21 improve Lake County's traffic congestion; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
23 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
24 we recommend that the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority  
25 extend Route 53 north from Lake Cook Road to Route 120; and  
26 be it further

27 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
28 presented to the Secretary of Transportation and to the  
29 Chairman of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority.