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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Interstate 55 from Interstate 355 to Interstate 90/Interstate 94 in DuPage, Cook, and Will Counties experiences severe congestion for extended periods of time on a daily basis and is unable to accommodate existing traffic demands; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Transportation is seeking to move forward with a project to provide additional highway capacity along Interstate 55 from Interstate 355 to Interstate 90/Interstate 94 in DuPage, Cook, and Will Counties and toll the additional capacity; and

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WHEREAS, The project is contingent upon compliance with applicable environmental requirements and, if federal funds or requirements are involved, approval by the Federal Highway Administration; and

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WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act to promote public-private partnerships for transportation by authorizing transportation agencies to enter into public-private agreements related to the development, operation, and financing of transportation facilities; and

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WHEREAS, The Department is seeking to move forward with the

1 project to provide additional highway capacity along  
2 Interstate 55 from Interstate 355 to Interstate 90/Interstate  
3 94 in DuPage, Cook, and Will Counties and toll the additional  
4 capacity pursuant to the authority provided under the  
5 Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act; and

6 WHEREAS, It is a requirement of subsection (d) of Section  
7 15 of the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act  
8 that prior to the Department's commencement of a procurement  
9 under the Act with respect to any potential project, the  
10 General Assembly shall authorize the commencement of the  
11 procurement by a joint resolution; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
14 CONCURRING HEREIN, that in accordance with subsection (d) of  
15 Section 15 of the Public-Private Partnerships for  
16 Transportation Act, we authorize the Department to commence a  
17 procurement process for a project to provide additional highway  
18 capacity along Interstate 55 from Interstate 355 to Interstate  
19 90/Interstate 94 in DuPage, Cook, and Will Counties and toll  
20 the additional capacity; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution shall be  
22 presented to the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the  
23 Department of Transportation.