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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is the mission of a Responsible Bidder
3 Ordinance to serve as a "protection plan" for local governments
4 by establishing clear objective criteria that contractors must
5 meet to be eligible to bid on public works construction
6 projects; and

7 WHEREAS, Implementing Responsible Bidder Ordinances
8 reinforces the public's confidence in the use of taxpayer
9 dollars by hiring only reputable contractors with a proven
10 record of completing jobs on time and on budget; and

11 WHEREAS, Responsible Bidder Ordinances protect the
12 interests of residents who depend on public bodies to assure
13 safe, quality construction and prevent the need for additional
14 reconstruction; and

15 WHEREAS, Construction is one of the fastest-growing
16 industries in the State, and Responsible Bidder Ordinances are
17 designed to ensure that a city, town, county, or school system
18 only hires responsible contractors who will perform the highest
19 quality work; and

20 WHEREAS, A Responsible Bidder Ordinance requires
21 contractors to show participation in a United States Department

1 of Labor approved apprenticeship program, which requires
2 continuous education and results in the most trained craftsmen
3 working on taxpayer-funded projects; and

4 WHEREAS, Contractors are incentivized to train their
5 workers through registered apprenticeship programs to prevent
6 the decline in the productivity and qualifications of the
7 construction workforce; and

8 WHEREAS, Communities that adopt Responsible Bidder
9 Ordinances see an improvement in local construction standards
10 as well as an improvement in infrastructure safety; and

11 WHEREAS, Responsible Bidder Ordinances drive economic
12 development by ensuring our transportation systems are able to
13 move goods and people through the State and provide safe,
14 modern, and efficient infrastructure; and

15 WHEREAS, It is the civic duty of the State to adopt
16 Responsible Bidder Ordinances to provide the greatest taxpayer
17 value on construction projects by working to prevent cost
18 overrun and abuse of taxpayer dollars; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
21 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we support local governments and

1 municipalities that adopt Responsible Bidder Ordinances to
2 ensure that we are utilizing the most skilled workforce in the
3 State to rebuild our infrastructure.