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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

17 WHEREAS, Out of four million total water service lines,  
18 over 675,000 have been identified as lead and almost 380,000  
19 as copper with lead solder services; Illinois will require at  
20 least \$12 billion to replace the lead water lines, and federal  
21 appropriations will cover less than 10% of that cost; and

22 WHEREAS, Illinois' aging drinking water infrastructure is

1 leading to leaking pipelines, costing taxpayers money and  
2 critical resources; in 2017, a total of 106 million gallons  
3 per day (MGD) were lost among Lake Michigan allocation  
4 permittees, or 13% of total water supplied; additional funding  
5 is needed for aging storm water infrastructure that must keep  
6 up with increasing rainfall trends from climate change; and

7 WHEREAS, Illinois needs at least 300,000 new units of  
8 affordable housing for the most housing insecure; homelessness  
9 increased in Illinois in 2024 by 116%, and there are 26,000  
10 unhoused in the State; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Federal legislation is needed to create a  
17 national infrastructure bank to finance all infrastructure  
18 requirements to bring the system to a state of good repair and  
19 build new projects; and

20 WHEREAS, The new national infrastructure bank is modeled  
21 on previous banks that helped build much of the country's  
22 infrastructure under Presidents George Washington, James

1 Madison, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt; the last  
2 such bank helped bring us out of the Great Depression and win  
3 World War II; and

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

12 WHEREAS, The new national infrastructure bank will  
13 complement the Rebuild Illinois infrastructure program passed  
14 by the legislature in 2019 and provide the additional new  
15 money to bring all infrastructure in Illinois to a state of  
16 good repair; and

17 WHEREAS, Many organizations are in support of a new  
18 national infrastructure bank, including the National Black  
19 Caucus of State Legislators, the National Hispanic Caucus of  
20 State Legislators, the National Asian-Pacific American Caucus  
21 of State Legislators, the Council of State Governments-East,  
22 the National Association of Counties, the National Association  
23 of Development Organizations, the US High Speed Rail

1 Association, the National Latino Farmers and Ranchers Trade  
2 Association, the American Sustainable Business Council, the  
3 National Association of Minority Contractors, and the United  
4 Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters International Union;  
5 in addition, 29 state legislatures have introduced or passed  
6 resolutions of support, as have county and city councils,  
7 including the Chicago City Council; therefore, be it

8       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF  
10 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the United  
11 States Congress to pass legislation to create a new national  
12 infrastructure bank to finance urgently needed infrastructure  
13 projects; and be it further

14       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
15 delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S.  
16 Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the  
17 U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives  
18 Minority Leader, all members of the Illinois Congressional  
19 Delegation, and the Governor.