



HJ0083

LRB099 12685 GRL 36437 r

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State has the duty to provide for the health,  
3 safety, and welfare of its residents; and

4 WHEREAS, The 2003 O'Hare Modernization Act included a  
5 finding that O'Hare International Airport cannot efficiently  
6 perform its role in the State and national air transportation  
7 systems unless it is reconfigured with multiple parallel  
8 runways; and

9 WHEREAS, Under the O'Hare Modernization Program, parallel  
10 runway 10C-28C was commissioned on October 17, 2013,  
11 dramatically increasing air traffic over northwest Chicago and  
12 the near northwest suburbs; and

13 WHEREAS, Previously unaffected residents living as far as  
14 12 miles from the airport have complained of near constant  
15 aircraft noise, beginning as early at 4:30 AM and ending as  
16 late as 1:00 AM; and

17 WHEREAS, The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission  
18 reported over 350,000 noise complaints filed in March of 2015;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Fair Allocation in Runways represents a growing

1 coalition of over 26 communities, including the City of Chicago  
2 and suburbs that are negatively affected by the changes in  
3 flight patterns and runway usage resulting from implementation  
4 of the O'Hare Modernization Plan; and

5 WHEREAS, The City of Chicago Department of Aviation and the  
6 Federal Aviation Administration plan to decommission diagonal  
7 runway 14L/32R prior to the commissioning of a new parallel  
8 runway 10R/28L in October of 2015; and

9 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Chicago Department  
10 of Aviation and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to  
11 make decisions regarding the runways at O'Hare, including  
12 whether to delay projects at the airport; and

13 WHEREAS, Members of the General Assembly, representing the  
14 impacted areas, met with representatives of the City of Chicago  
15 on numerous occasions and demanded the City respond to the  
16 concerns of the residents, and requested that the FAA delay the  
17 project at O'Hare for so long as necessary in order to review  
18 and comment on the concerns of the residents of the impacted  
19 areas; and

20 WHEREAS, Several members of the General Assembly and the  
21 City of Chicago agreed, in writing, that the City would do the  
22 following:

1           (1) request that the FAA delay any action on the  
2 impacted runways that would lead to irreparable damage to  
3 the runways for so long as necessary to complete the agreed  
4 to Open House meetings and the 3 separate meetings  
5 referenced in the next section;

6           (2) hold at least three meetings with representatives  
7 of the FAiR coalition to better understand FAiR's proposal  
8 to preserve and utilize the intersecting runways at O'Hare  
9 International Airport in order to alleviate aircraft noise  
10 impacts from communities located east and west of O'Hare;

11           (3) request and encourage the FAA to hold its 4 planned  
12 Open House meetings in areas and communities that are  
13 impacted by aircraft noise caused by new O'Hare  
14 Modernization Program runways; and

15           (4) meet with the members and their constituents to  
16 discuss these issues; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
19 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the City of Chicago to  
20 work with the members of the General Assembly to ensure the  
21 terms of the agreement are fully implemented and all residents  
22 impacted by aircraft noise at O'Hare International Airport have  
23 accurate and up-to-date information; and be it further

24           RESOLVED, That any public hearings held regarding aircraft

1 noise at O'Hare should allow residents of the impacted areas to  
2 express their grievances and concerns.