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HOUSE 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 on 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
14 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that in accordance with subsection  
15 (d) of 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 a suitable copy of this resolution shall be  
22 presented to the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the  
23 Department of Transportation.