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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE RESOLUTION 233

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Resolution 233 by replacing
3 everything after the heading with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is committed to protecting
5 the safety of motorists on its roads and highways and to
6 protecting taxpayers' investment in our highway
7 infrastructure; and

8 WHEREAS, All vehicle crashes are a serious, deadly, and
9 costly problem to Illinois families, our State's health care
10 system, and the economy; and

11 WHEREAS, The Illinois trucking industry employs 278,920
12 men and women in Illinois; it is responsible for delivering
13 food to our grocery stores, supplying medicine and medical
14 supplies to serve our healthcare system, and transporting 78%
15 of the total manufactured freight in Illinois; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2013, there were 10,397 crashes involving
2 tractor-trailers out of 285,477 total crashes in Illinois;
3 fatalities resulting from tractor-trailer crashes increased by
4 13% from 2012 to 2013, and the number of fatal crashes
5 involving tractor-trailers also increased by 16%; and

6 WHEREAS, From 2009 to 2013, there were 586 fatalities
7 resulting from crashes involving large trucks; and

8 WHEREAS, Annual truck crash fatalities nationwide are
9 equivalent to a major airplane crash every other week of the
10 year; and

11 WHEREAS, In fatal 2-vehicle crashes between a large truck
12 and a passenger motor vehicle, 96% of the fatalities were
13 occupants of the passenger vehicle; and

14 WHEREAS, Driving a truck is one of the most dangerous
15 occupations in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, An April 2014 survey found that 73% of Illinois
17 residents oppose increasing the current federal truck weight
18 limit of 80,000 pounds to 97,000 pounds; and

19 WHEREAS, Increases to truck size and weight limits would

1 have a tremendous impact on Illinois' infrastructure; Illinois
2 has the third largest interstate system in the United States
3 and the third largest bridge inventory in the United States,
4 and more than 7,200 trucking establishments within Illinois use
5 the extensive network of highways; and

6 WHEREAS, At present, nearly 16% of the bridges in Illinois
7 are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete and 15% of
8 the major roads are considered to be in poor condition;
9 increasing the weight of a heavy truck by only 10% increases
10 bridge damage by 33%; and

11 WHEREAS, Driving on roads in need of repair costs Illinois
12 motorists \$3.7 billion a year in extra vehicle repairs and
13 operating costs, which amounts to nearly \$450 per motorist;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we oppose an increase
17 in current truck size and weight limits on all roads in the
18 State of Illinois in order to ensure the safety of all Illinois
19 motorists on our streets and highways; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we affirm our opposition to removing or
21 weakening the federal freeze on Longer Combination Vehicles
22 contained in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency

1 Act of 1991, which restricts the use of extra-long double and
2 triple trailers trucks on Illinois highways because of the
3 adverse impact on highway safety and infrastructure; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 delivered to the President and Vice President of the United
7 States, the Speaker of the United States House of
8 Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States
9 Senate, and the members of the Illinois congressional
10 delegation.".