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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Transportation infrastructure is critical to the
3 economy and future growth of Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, Local roads comprise over 88% of the State's
5 public road mileage, carrying around 40% of statewide traffic;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Transportation projects have traditionally been
8 paid for with user fees, including gas taxes and vehicle
9 registration charges; and

10 WHEREAS, Among the various grants awarded to local
11 governments is the Needy Township program; and

12 WHEREAS, The Needy Township program once provided \$10
13 million annually to townships and road districts that levy the
14 maximum tax rate allowed but still lack adequate revenue to
15 meet a minimum per-mile funding level; the Illinois Department
16 of Transportation determines eligible townships and assistance
17 based on a district's equalized assessed value of all
18 properties, annual average MFT distribution per mile, and
19 average maintenance; and

20 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Transportation reduced

1 the Needy Township allocation by almost half after the FY18
2 budget was enacted; and

3 WHEREAS, Other grants to local governments were reduced by
4 almost \$50 million statewide; and

5 WHEREAS, These reductions follow a decades long trend of
6 reducing funding by the State to local road districts; and

7 WHEREAS, The deterioration of local roads is contributing
8 to the economic problems of Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, Local roads generated tax revenue and economic
10 growth for the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 urge the Illinois Department of Transportation to consider that
14 a higher percentage of all new revenues and new transportation
15 investments be distributed for local roads; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the Secretary of Transportation, Randall S.
18 Blankenhorn, and to Governor Bruce Rauner.