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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Interstate 80 between I-294 and Illinois State
3 Route 47 in Morris is in need of substantial improvements,
4 including the repair or reconstruction of several bridges; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the Illinois Department of
6 Transportation (IDOT), the westbound bridge over the Des
7 Plaines River in Joliet has an overall rating of 6 out of 100,
8 the lowest for an Interstate in the Chicago area; the eastbound
9 bridge has a rating of 7.5 out of 100; IDOT estimates that
10 improvements on this section of Interstate 80, including repair
11 or replacement of bridges and widening of the roadway, could
12 total over \$1 billion; and

13 WHEREAS, The Federal Interstate Reconstruction and
14 Rehabilitation Pilot Program allows for existing interstate
15 facilities to be tolled to fund reconstruction or
16 rehabilitation on Interstate corridors that could not
17 otherwise be adequately maintained or functionally improved
18 without the collection of tolls; and

19 WHEREAS, Section 14.1 of the Toll Highway Act provides that
20 prior to the issuance of bonds for or the commencement of
21 construction of any new highway, that particular toll highway
22 shall be authorized by joint resolution of the General

1 Assembly; and

2 WHEREAS, It is necessary and appropriate to transfer
3 control of the section of Interstate 80 to the Illinois State
4 Toll Highway Authority to expedite the repair of this section
5 of Interstate 80; and

6 WHEREAS, It may be necessary and appropriate to expand the
7 project limits over time to adhere to future additions or
8 expansions of the Interstate 80 project; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
11 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Illinois State Toll Highway
12 Authority be authorized to expand the Illinois Toll Highway
13 system to include Interstate 80 between I-294 at milepost 112
14 and Illinois Route 47 in Morris at milepost 154; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
17 shall complete the Interstate 80 project in a manner that
18 supports diversity involvement in the project work and economic
19 development in the region; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to each of the Directors of the Illinois State Toll

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1 Highway Authority and the Secretary of the United States
2 Department of Transportation.