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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
3 expended time and resources on the Illinois Route 53/120
4 project, later known as the Tri-County Access project, and
5 estimated in 2019 that it would take substantial funds to
6 complete studies for that project; and

7 WHEREAS, The authority for that project derived from
8 Senate Joint Resolution 14 of the 88th General Assembly,
9 adopted over a quarter-century ago on July 2, 1993, which
10 authorized the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to expand
11 certain roads; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2012, the 97th General Assembly declined to
13 pass Senate Joint Resolution 77, which would have explicitly
14 renewed authorization for the extension of I-53; and

15 WHEREAS, In July of 2019, the Illinois State Toll Highway
16 Authority requested that the Federal Highway Administration
17 rescind its Letter of Intent for the "Tri-County Environmental
18 Impact Statement" study, which included roads referenced in
19 Senate Joint Resolution 14 of the 88th General Assembly; and

20 WHEREAS, In August of 2019, the Illinois State Toll
21 Highway Authority stated that the project lacked sufficient

1 local support it previously enjoyed, including the support of
2 the Lake County Board; and

3 WHEREAS, The Lake County Board has included the rescission
4 of Route 53 Extension Authority as part of its legislative
5 agenda for the 2021 session of the General Assembly; and

6 WHEREAS, In August of 2019, the Illinois State Toll
7 Highway Authority declared that it was not in the Tollway's
8 interest to lead further development of the project, and
9 terminated the ongoing study and contracts related to the
10 project; and

11 WHEREAS, In October of 2019, the Circuit Court of the 18th
12 Judicial Circuit found that the Illinois State Toll Highway
13 Authority had terminated the Illinois Route 53/120 project;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that Senate Joint
18 Resolution 14 of the 88th General Assembly, adopted on July 1,
19 1993, is rescinded.