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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Improving Illinois roads improves the quality of
3 life for the citizens of our State; and

4 WHEREAS, The citizens of Jackson, Perry, Randolph, and
5 Monroe Counties have expressed a desire to expand Illinois
6 Routes 127/154/3 from two to four lanes; and

7 WHEREAS, Since 2018, these counties have advocated for
8 this expansion by forming the Four County Coalition, the
9 Southwest Connector Task Force, and now the Southwest
10 Connector Coalition; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2019, the Southwest Connector Task Force, as
12 formed by a Senate Joint Resolution in the 100th General
13 Assembly, issued a 125-page report giving the justifications
14 for the project that included economic development, safety,
15 and national security concerns; and

16 WHEREAS, The report is available for all to review at the
17 coalition's website, siconnector.com; and

18 WHEREAS, This proposed highway expansion enjoys the
19 support of Laborers Local 773, the Illinois Retail Merchants
20 Association, the Jackson County NAACP, Southern Illinois

1 University, dozens of municipalities, hundreds of private
2 businesses, and thousands of Southern Illinois residents; and

3 WHEREAS, The Biden Administration has authorized historic
4 levels of federal spending to re-build and expand our nation's
5 infrastructure; and

6 WHEREAS, The Southwest Connector Coalition is actively
7 pursuing federal funding that has the potential to inject
8 nearly a billion dollars into Illinois infrastructure,
9 creating hundreds of good paying union jobs, enhancing the
10 Illinois economy, and improving the safety of travel for all
11 Illinoisans; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we express our support
14 for the Southwest Connector Coalition's efforts to keep this
15 project moving forward; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we encourage the members of the Southwest
17 Connector Coalition to remain engaged in their efforts to
18 improve the great State of Illinois; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the Southwest Connector Coalition as a symbol of
21 our respect and esteem.