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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) stated in its 2021 report card that the United States received a grade of C- regarding the current state of infrastructure and that more than six trillion dollars is needed to restore the nation's infrastructure to a state of good repair; over two trillion dollars is currently not funded, and the remainder is inadequately funded; new, 21st Century projects are also unfunded; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois ASCE 2022 Report Card assigned the State's systems a cumulative grade of "C-"; the report analyzes 11 categories of infrastructure pertinent to Illinois, including aviation (C+), bridges (C), dams (C+), drinking water (D+), inland waterways (D), ports (C-), rail (C+), roads (D+), storm water (D+), transit (D+), and wastewater (C-); and

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WHEREAS, Out of four million total water service lines, over 675,000 have been identified as lead and almost 380,000 as copper with lead solder services; Illinois will require at least \$12 billion to replace the lead water lines, and federal appropriations will cover less than 10% of that cost; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois' aging drinking water infrastructure is

1 leading to leaking pipelines, costing taxpayers money and
2 critical resources; in 2017, a total of 106 million gallons
3 per day (MGD) were lost among Lake Michigan allocation
4 permittees, or 13% of total water supplied; additional funding
5 is needed for aging storm water infrastructure that must keep
6 up with increasing rainfall trends from climate change; and

7 WHEREAS, Illinois needs at least 300,000 new units of
8 affordable housing for the most housing insecure; homelessness
9 increased in Illinois in 2024 by 116%, and there are 26,000
10 unhoused in the State; and

11 WHEREAS, There are 2,405 bridges in poor condition, or 9%
12 of all bridges in the State that are crossed by motorists every
13 day; approximately 70% of Illinois bridges in poor condition
14 are owned by counties, towns, or cities, suggesting the local
15 maintenance backlog is a significant challenge; and

16 WHEREAS, U.S. Reps. Danny Davis and Jesus "Chuy" Garcia
17 introduced H.R. 4052 (The National Infrastructure Bank Act) on
18 June 13, 2023 in the 118th U.S. Congress; this would create a
19 \$5 trillion bank to finance all infrastructure requirements to
20 bring the system to a state of good repair and build new
21 projects; and

22 WHEREAS, The new national infrastructure bank is modeled

1 on previous banks that helped build much of the country's
2 infrastructure under Presidents George Washington, James
3 Madison, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt; the last
4 such bank helped bring us out of the Great Depression and win
5 World War II; and

6 WHEREAS, The new national infrastructure bank will create
7 25 million new jobs, pay Davis-Bacon wages, and enforce Buy
8 America provisions; Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will
9 receive significant disbursements, and the bill mandates
10 large-scale minority hiring; the bank will require no new
11 federal spending or federal taxes; according to experts, the
12 bank will grow the economy by 5% per year as did its
13 predecessors; and

14 WHEREAS, The new national infrastructure bank will
15 complement the Rebuild Illinois infrastructure program passed
16 by the legislature in 2019 and provide the additional new
17 money to bring all infrastructure in Illinois to a state of
18 good repair; and

19 WHEREAS, Many organizations are in support of a new
20 national infrastructure bank, including the National Black
21 Caucus of State Legislators, the National Hispanic Caucus of
22 State Legislators, the National Asian-Pacific American Caucus
23 of State Legislators, the Council of State Governments-East,

1 the National Association of Counties, the National Association
2 of Development Organizations, the US High Speed Rail
3 Association, the National Latino Farmers and Ranchers Trade
4 Association, the American Sustainable Business Council, the
5 National Association of Minority Contractors, and the United
6 Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters International Union;
7 in addition, 29 state legislatures have introduced or passed
8 resolutions of support, as have county and city councils,
9 including the Chicago City Council; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the United
13 States Congress to pass H.R. 4052 to create a new national
14 infrastructure bank to finance urgently needed infrastructure
15 projects; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S.
18 Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the
19 U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives
20 Minority Leader, all members of the Illinois Congressional
21 Delegation, and the Governor.