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House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging that in the reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act an allocation method be adopted which provides for a more equitable distribution of federal transportation funds to all states, including "donor states" like Florida.

WHEREAS, the current federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, known as ISTEA, expires on September 30, 1997, and

WHEREAS, activities associated with reauthorization of ISTEA are already well underway in Washington, D.C., and

WHEREAS, Florida is a "donor state" which has only averaged a rate of return of 77 cents for every dollar sent to the federal Highway Trust Fund for the first four years of ISTEA, and

WHEREAS, Florida ranks 4th in population, 3rd in population growth, 3rd in gas tax contributions to the federal Highway Trust Fund, and yet only ranked 45th in rate of return under ISTEA, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation's ISTEA reauthorization proposal, known as NEXTEA, would actually reduce Florida's already inadequately low share of federal surface transportation funding, and

WHEREAS, it is absolutely essential that future methods of allocating federal transportation funds be more favorable to Florida than the formulas used in the past, NOW, THEREFORE,

1 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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3 That the Congress of the United States is urged to
4 reform the allocation methods for distributing federal
5 transportation funding in order to recognize the needs of a
6 high growth state such as Florida.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
9 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
10 United States House of Representatives, to each member of the
11 U.S. House of Representatives Transportation and
12 Infrastructure Committee, to each member of the U.S. Senate
13 Transportation Committee, and to each member of the Florida
14 delegation to the United States Congress.

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