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## House Memorial

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2 A memorial to the President and Congress of the United  
3 States, urging the President and Congress to expedite the  
4 reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the  
5 21st Century.

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7 WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st  
8 Century, commonly called TEA-21, enacted June 9, 1998, expired  
9 on September 30, 2003, and

10 WHEREAS, short-term federal transportation funding has been  
11 maintained without disruption through the passage of six  
12 extensions, the latest of which expires May 31, 2005, and

13 WHEREAS, the Bush Administration, the United States Senate,  
14 and the United States House of Representatives have developed  
15 proposed legislation that differ in some respects, primarily  
16 funding levels, and

17 WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2004-2005, the Florida Department  
18 of Transportation received \$1.5 billion in federal  
19 transportation funds that were used to plan, build, improve, and  
20 maintain federal and state roads and bridges and to plan and  
21 finance aviation, rail, and public transit projects, and

22 WHEREAS, federal transportation funds supply about one-  
23 third of Florida's transportation budget, and

24 WHEREAS, Florida depends on a stable source of federal  
25 funding to successfully plan for and implement its statutorily  
26 required 5-year work program, and

27 WHEREAS, Florida is the nation's third-fastest growing  
28 state with varied transportation access needs to improve  
29 mobility, travel safety, and economic development for its  
30 citizens, and

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31           WHEREAS, historically, Florida has been a "donor" state  
32 when it comes to transportation funding and currently receives  
33 86 cents in federal transportation funding for each dollar in  
34 transportation taxes and fees contributed, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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38           That the President and the Congress of the United States  
39 are requested to expedite reauthorization of the Transportation  
40 Equity Act for the 21st Century to guarantee Florida and the  
41 other 49 states at least a 95-percent rate of return on all  
42 federal transportation funds distributed.

43           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
44 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
45 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
46 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
47 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.