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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, According to a report by NBC 5 Chicago, as of
3 September 30, 2021, a total of 185 expressway shootings
4 happened in the Chicago region, more than double the 83 the
5 area had seen by the same date the previous year, which is a
6 45% increase over the 128 shootings the region experienced in
7 all of 2020; and

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WHEREAS, By September 30, 2021, at least 85 people have
9 been wounded in expressway shootings, and 16 have been killed;
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WHEREAS, According to the Illinois State Police, a very
12 small percentage of expressway shootings in the Chicago area
13 are cases of road rage; the shootings are opportunistic, where
14 somebody has a problem with somebody else and they cross paths
15 on the interstate; and

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WHEREAS, One suggestion that has been put forth to deter
17 crime on the Chicago expressways is to convert expressways
18 into toll roads, but that idea may be illegal; the 1956
19 Interstate Highway Act generally bans tolling on interstates;
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WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Congress has authorized

1 pilot programs under which states can start collecting tolls
2 on existing interstates to fund improvements on those roads,
3 but only for the purpose of road improvements; and

4 WHEREAS, The Dan Ryan Expressway I-57 is a high traffic
5 expressway where numerous shootings have occurred, and a state
6 tollway system could serve to reduce violence by making it
7 more difficult for these opportunistic shootings to take
8 place; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we call on the U.S. Congress to authorize a policy change to
12 allow existing interstates built with federal funding to
13 become state tollways, enabling Illinois to convert the Dan
14 Ryan Expressway I-57 into a toll road for the safety of its
15 citizens; 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, and all members of the Illinois Congressional
21 Delegation.