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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The history of Chicago's Du Sable Lake Shore Drive dates back to the 19th century, when Chicagoans advocated for the creation of a scenic lake shore roadway; this concept was incorporated into architect and urban planner Daniel Burnham's 1909 Plan of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Over time, Du Sable Lake Shore Drive was extended to connect Chicago's downtown, north side, and south side lake fronts, including beaches, parks, and recreational areas, becoming an iconic and treasured part of Chicago and providing access to nature and recreation; and

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WHEREAS, Du Sable Lake Shore Drive also serves as a critical thoroughfare for mobility, moving tens of thousands of vehicles per day and thousands of people utilizing public transportation; and

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WHEREAS, Climate change driven by global warming has created challenges for people all over the world, including in Chicago, which has faced erosion along the shorelines of Lake Michigan and deterioration of structures designed to provide protection for Du Sable Lake Shore Drive; and

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WHEREAS, The Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)

1 and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) are
2 considering proposals to redesign and reimagine Du Sable Lake
3 Shore Drive, parts of which contain infrastructure constructed
4 during the tenure of President Franklin Roosevelt as part of
5 his administration's New Deal programs; and

6 WHEREAS, A redesign and re-imagination of Du Sable Lake
7 Shore Drive offers the opportunity to ensure that Du Sable
8 Lake Shore Drive can be a lake front transportation corridor
9 that serves residents, attracts tourists, and provides
10 economic benefits and does so in a climate-friendly,
11 efficient, and reliable manner; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Chicago
14 Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Illinois
15 Department of Transportation (IDOT) to transform Du Sable Lake
16 Shore Drive into a true boulevard and to be creative and
17 forward-thinking in their redesign of Du Sable Lake Shore
18 Drive, to incorporate safe and efficient multimodal
19 transportation throughout Du Sable Lake Shore Drive for
20 pedestrians, cyclists, public transit users, and drivers, to
21 emphasize green urban mobility, to ensure that any proposed
22 changes are considered as part of a comprehensive plan for
23 efficient traffic management and movement of people, including
24 during special events and weather challenges, to create more

1 green space and recreational opportunities for Chicagoans as
2 well as visitors, and to repurpose, where possible, existing
3 infrastructure as part of expanded recreational opportunities;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 delivered to CDOT and IDOT.