1   HOUSE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS, The mission of the Illinois State Toll Highway
3   Authority is to provide and promote a safe and efficient
4   system of toll highways; and

5   WHEREAS, The Tollway, comprised of the Northwest, the
6   Tri-State, the East-West, and the North-South Tollways,
7   consists of 274 miles, 539 bridge structures, 20 mainline
8   plazas, and 47 ramp plazas; and

9   WHEREAS, Thousands of Illinois citizens travel   the
10   Tollway system on a daily basis and pay the tolls used to
11   finance Tollway operations; and

12   WHEREAS, The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority is a
13   major contributor to interstate commerce transportation; and

14   WHEREAS, The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority has
15   made indications that they are planning to increase the fees
16   for using the Toll Highway system; and

17   WHEREAS, On January 13, 2003, a new Governor will take
18   office; and

19   WHEREAS, The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority should
20   complete a comprehensive strategic financial plan before
21   considering any increase in tolls; and

22   WHEREAS, Inefficiency and waste existing in the Illinois
23   State Toll Highway Authority should be reviewed and reduced
24   before any toll increases are implemented; and

25   WHEREAS, Given the impact of the Tollway on its users, as
26   well as on the transportation needs of the State, it is
27   important that the management and operation of the Tollway be
28   reviewed to ensure that it is making efficient and economical
29   use of its resources; therefore, be it

1   RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

2   NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

3   we urge the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority not to

4   proceed with increasing the tolls; and be it further

5   RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority

6   review the audit conducted by the Auditor General; and be it

7   further

8   RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

9   delivered to the Executive Director of the Illinois State

10   Toll Highway Authority.