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4 By: Senators Fitch, Roebuck, Gwatney, Jeffries, Kennedy, Walters, Webb, and Wyrick

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7 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
9 TO ENDORSE THE "ISTEA INTEGRITY RESTORATION ACT"
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12 **Subtitle**

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18 WHEREAS, the current Federal Highway Authorization Act, the Intermodel
19 Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), expires on September
20 30, 1997; and

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22 WHEREAS, ISTEA contains numerous highway funding formulas and categories
23 which are complex and based on outdated criteria; and

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25 WHEREAS, the "ISTEA Integrity Restoration Act", HR 674 and S 335, which
26 incorporate the recommendations proposed by the STEP-21 Coalition (Streamlined
27 Transportation Efficiency Program for the 21st Century) has been introduced in
28 Congress to streamline the federal highway program by allowing each state the
29 flexibility to meet its specific surface transportation needs; and

30 WHEREAS, the "ISTEA Integrity Restoration Act" provides for at least a
31 95% return on the payments each state makes to the Federal Highway Trust Fund;
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33 WHEREAS, the "ISTEA Integrity Restoration Act" updates the federal
34 funding distribution formulas to reflect more current, fair and equitable
35 factors;

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2 NOW THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
4 OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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6 THAT the Congress of the United States is respectfully requested to
7 endorse the "ISTEA Integrity Restoration Act", HR 674 and S 335; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this Resolution signed by the
10 Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate and Governor of the State of
11 Arkansas be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Speaker of
12 the U.S. House of Representatives, the President of the U.S. Senate and
13 members of Congress duly elected from the State of Arkansas.

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