

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR70732-RWz-10 (04/01)

Sponsors: Representatives Coates and Carney (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO END NORTH CAROLINA'S
2 STATUS AS A DONOR STATE OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY TAX REVENUES,
3 AND TO RETURN ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY
4 REVENUES THE STATE REMITS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EACH
5 YEAR, IN ORDER FOR THE STATE TO ADDRESS ITS URGENT
6 TRANSPORTATION NEEDS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE 21ST CENTURY
7 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

8 Whereas, under the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act
9 of 1991, the State received 82.7% return on the federal highway tax revenue it remitted
10 to the federal Highway Trust Fund; and

11 Whereas, under the federal 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st
12 Century (TEA-21), the State received 89.2% return on the federal highway tax revenue
13 it remitted to the federal Highway Trust Fund; and

14 Whereas, the 2005 federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient
15 Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) promised that the State
16 would increase its share of federal highway revenue to 92% by the 2008-2009 fiscal
17 year; and

18 Whereas, under SAFETEA-LU, the State has so far received only 89.7% of
19 the federal highway tax revenue it remitted to the federal Highway Trust Fund; and

20 Whereas, since 1956, the State has contributed \$18,133,902,000 in federal
21 highway tax revenue, but only received \$16,474,174,000 in return; and

22 Whereas, North Carolina is a rapidly growing State with urgent transportation
23 needs; and

24 Whereas, the State is strategically located along the east coast transportation
25 corridor; and

26 Whereas, the State is home to many important federal military installations
27 that would benefit from improved transportation infrastructure; and

1 Whereas, the State has complied with federal transportation safety mandates;
2 and

3 Whereas, the State's urgent transportation needs that could be addressed if the
4 State received a fair share of the federal highway tax revenue it remitted to the federal
5 Highway Trust Fund each year; Now, therefore,

6 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

7 **SECTION 1.** The President of the United States and the United States
8 Congress are urged to provide the State with all the federal highway tax funds it was
9 promised under the 2005 federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation
10 Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), and to end the State's status as a
11 donor state of federal highway tax revenues in the next federal transportation
12 reauthorization act, due for enactment by Congress in 2009, by providing the State with
13 one hundred percent (100%) of the federal highway funds it remits in federal taxes to
14 the federal Highway Trust Fund each year.

15 **SECTION 2.** The President of the United States and the United States
16 Congress are respectfully requested to advise the North Carolina General Assembly of
17 the actions they intend to take to address the current inequities in federal transportation
18 funding.

19 **SECTION 3.** The President of the United States and the United States
20 Congress are advised that the North Carolina General Assembly supports federal
21 legislation designating federal transportation funds for the replacement of the Yadkin
22 River Bridge on Interstate 85 in Davidson and Rowan Counties.

23 **SECTION 4.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a copy of this joint
24 resolution to the President of the United States and to each member of the United States
25 Congress representing North Carolina.

26 **SECTION 5.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.