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2 By Senators Gudger, Shelnutt, Coleman
3 RFD: RULES
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR___ URGING THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
5 PRIORITIZE THE WIDENING OF INTERSTATE 65.

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7 WHEREAS, Interstate 65 is the main North-South travel
8 artery through the State of Alabama; and

9 WHEREAS, Interstate 65 provides connectivity from the
10 Port of Mobile and Alabama's Gulf Coast beaches through the
11 Capital City of Montgomery, through Birmingham and to
12 Huntsville, moving commuters and tourists daily, and fueling
13 Alabama's economy; and

14 WHEREAS, portions of Interstate 65 experience high
15 traffic volumes and congestion, especially during peak
16 travel times and seasons, and especially near the larger
17 cities served by this interstate highway; and

18 WHEREAS, various studies show that congestion on
19 America's interstates correlates into increased wear and
20 tear on vehicles, increased emissions, increased drive
21 times, extra costs of travel, and lost productivity - all of
22 which translate into increased costs to commuters, vacation
23 travelers, consumers, as well as business and industry; and

24 WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Transportation is
25 charged with planning, maintaining, and improving Alabama's
26 state, U.S., and interstate highways and is funded by state
27 and federal fuel taxes and other state fees, with various
28 federal grant programs available on a competitive



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29 application basis and with certain limited bonding authority
30 available; now therefore,

31 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
32 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Department of
33 Transportation is urged to study and prioritize improvements
34 and additional capacity for Interstate 65 with the eventual
35 goal of having an appropriate number of lanes in each
36 direction on all sections of the interstate.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

Passed: 23-May-23

By: Senator Gudger