

Reps. Gonzales, Ball, Barnett, Booher, Byrnes, Caul, Constan, Cushingberry, Geiss, Green, Gregory, Huckleberry, Robert Jones, Kandrevas, Knollenberg, Lahti, LeBlanc, Leland, Lemmons, Liss, Mayes, Meadows, Neumann, Polidori, Rogers, Bettie Scott, Sheltroun, Smith, Spade, Stanley, Switalski and Valentine offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 43.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize Congress to enact an extension of the funding for the Federal Highway Trust Fund.

Whereas, The Federal Highway Trust Fund was established in 1956 to provide a stable source of funds to maintain the United States interstate highway system. It is supported by federal fuel taxes and is the primary source of funding for all surface transportation programs in the nation, including highways, bridges, transit, and safety inspections; and

Whereas, As of March 1, 2010, when authorization for the surface transportation program expired, the federal government temporarily shut down the Highway Trust Fund, suspending payments to states, localities, and transit agencies and furloughing federal employees who are paid out of the fund. The shutdown is in effect until Congress passes, and the President signs, legislation to extend surface transportation programs, including funding for the Highway Trust Fund; and

Whereas, Without Highway Trust Fund dollars, Michigan will be unable to fully fund the planned 2010 capital program nor obligate funds for future projects. Local and state road projects will be delayed, increasing unemployment in Michigan. Projects may be forced to span two construction seasons, resulting in higher project costs and unnecessary inconvenience and inefficiency; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we memorialize Congress to enact an extension of the funding for the Federal Highway Trust Fund; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.