

1           A RESOLUTION urging Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear and Indiana Governor  
2 Eric Holcomb to pursue a federal funding avenue to remove tolls from the Louisville-  
3 Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project.

4           WHEREAS, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear and Ohio Governor Mike DeWine  
5 recently signed a memorandum of understanding to jointly apply for \$2 billion in federal  
6 funds to build the Brent Spence Companion Bridge and improve the existing bridge  
7 without the involvement of tolls; and

8           WHEREAS, \$39 billion in federal funds have been allocated specifically for bridge  
9 projects and it is estimated that Kentucky is expected to receive \$4.3 billion in funds  
10 based on federal formulas; and

11           WHEREAS, the Kentucky/Ohio proposal stands in stark contrast from the  
12 Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project, which was largely enhanced by  
13 the imposition of tolls on three major Ohio River crossings; and

14           WHEREAS, tolling on the Ohio River bridge project crossings began in late 2016  
15 and are to remain in place until at least 2053; and

16           WHEREAS, Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer and Jeffersonville, Indiana, Mayor  
17 Mike Moore are pushing for the use of federal dollars to help ease RiverLink toll costs to  
18 local drivers; and

19           WHEREAS, Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer said, "I'd like to see the Kentucky  
20 legislature and Governor Beshear, Governor Holcomb and the Indiana legislature direct  
21 some federal infrastructure dollars to the Ohio River bridge project as well so we can take  
22 the burden off of the hardworking families here and businesses in Louisville and southern  
23 Indiana. They certainly deserve that"; and

24           WHEREAS, Jeffersonville, Indiana, Mayor Mike Moore said, "I cannot see a  
25 smarter investment than to eliminate the tolls because that extra money that the residents  
26 on both sides of the river are paying now – let's put that money back in their pocket"; and

27           WHEREAS, for similar bridge projects, assessing tolls to citizens of one region but

1 not to the citizens of another region, is an inequity that must be addressed;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

3 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
4 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

5 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby urges Kentucky Governor  
6 Andy Beshear and Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb to pursue a federal funding avenue to  
7 remove tolls from the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project.

8 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
9 copy of this Resolution to Governor Andy Beshear, State Capitol, Room 100, Frankfort,  
10 Kentucky 40601 and Governor Eric Holcomb, State House, Room 206, Indianapolis,  
11 Indiana 46204-2797.