

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2665**

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Sponsors: Representatives Coates, Carney (Primary Sponsors); Church, Dockham, Faison, Frye, Harrison, Johnson, Justus, Lucas, McGee, McLawhorn, Pierce, Samuelson, Setzer, Steen, Tarleton, Underhill, Wainwright, Wiley, and Womble.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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May 28, 2008

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 21<sup>ST</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>  
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.