

2001 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

1 **Relating to:** urging U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta to support
2 federal funding for immediate repair and reconstruction of the Hoan Bridge in
3 Milwaukee.

4 Whereas, the health, welfare and economic well-being of the citizens of
5 Wisconsin depend on a safe and efficient transportation infrastructure; and

6 Whereas, the Daniel Webster Hoan Bridge in Milwaukee is part of Interstate
7 Highway 794, a federal-aid highway; and

8 Whereas, the Hoan Bridge provides an essential transportation link between
9 several communities in the Milwaukee metropolitan area; and

10 Whereas, the Hoan Bridge provides an essential transportation link for freight
11 traffic from the city, county, and state to the Port of Milwaukee; and

12 Whereas, the Hoan Bridge was severely damaged on December 13, 2000, due
13 to catastrophic failure of portions of the bridge; and

14 Whereas, the immediate repair and reconstruction of the Hoan Bridge, as well
15 as timely mitigation of potential damage caused by catastrophic failure of portions

1 of the bridge and subsequent controlled demolition, are vital to the health, welfare,
2 and economic well-being of the citizens of Wisconsin; and

3 Whereas, Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson declared a state of emergency
4 concerning the bridge on December 18, 2000; and

5 Whereas, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation submitted a request to
6 the U.S. Department of Transportation for emergency relief funding, authorized
7 under 23 USC 125, on December 18, 2000; now, therefore, be it

8 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
9 legislature urges U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta to expedite the
10 process to declare all bridge repair, reconstruction, and mitigation costs eligible for
11 federal emergency relief funding and, with the cooperation of the eleven members of
12 this state's congressional delegation, to provide other federal funds for any
13 additional bridge repair, reconstruction, and mitigation costs through enactment of
14 appropriate funding resolutions and legislation; and, be it further

15 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall send copies of this joint resolution
16 to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mineta and to each member of the congressional
17 delegation from this state.

18 (END)