RESOLUTION
NO. 82-LEG-03

WHEREAS, it is generally recognized that critical needs exist for funding transportation facilities, including highways, roads, bridges, railroads, other mass transit systems, and even related primary water control improvements to protect such transportation systems;

WHEREAS, the general deterioration of the valuable Interstate Highway System originated under the Eisenhower presidency; and

WHEREAS, the present and continuing need for major repairs, improvements and additions to the Federal Interstate Highway System as necessary to protect this valued investment of tax funds which not only serve the nation's people and its commerce but also serve our national interest, indeed our national defense; and

WHEREAS, the increasing need for funding the Federal Highway Trust Fund, having revenues proportionately dwindling in the face of gasoline conservation measures, such as improved vehicular fuel economy/efficiency and voluntary cutbacks of fuel usage; and

WHEREAS, a similar shortage of state and local transportation funding for similar reasons for fuel conservation in that such funding is largely based on gallonage consumption rather than fuel price and, accordingly, total funding is failing to keep pace with the requirements for satisfying transportation needs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. Duly urges the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to increase user fees on vehicular fuels in order to keep the Federal Highway Trust Fund viable and to upgrade, update and expand the Interstate Highway System in the public interest and for national defense; and

SECTION 2. Duly urges the Governor and Legislature of the State of Florida to enact additional revenue sources—possibly the elimination of vehicular fuel purchases from sales tax exemption and to direct the income from sales tax on such purchases to Florida's transportation needs,
prorated on an equitable basis, suggested to be forty (40) percent for priorities as established by the Florida Department of Transportation, forty (40) percent to Florida's counties on a formula based on point of collection, and twenty (20) percent toward mass transit systems; and

SECTION 3. Directs that this Resolution be filed with all appropriate elected and appointed officials of the National and Florida governments and, particularly, with each member of the State Legislative Delegation, each member of Florida's Congressional Delegation and Florida's two United States Senators.

DULY ADOPTED in regular session this 15th day of November, 1982, by the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Lou Treadway, Chairman

ATTEST:

THOMAS H. LOCKER, CLERK
Board of County Commissioners

BY: Dorothy E. Lambert
ASST. DEPUTY CLERK