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**S. C. R. No. 21**

**Senators Bacon, Tavares**

**Cosponsors: Senators Hughes, Beagle, Brown, Burke, Cafaro, Coley, Eklund,  
Faber, Hackett, Hite, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, Oelslager, Patton, Peterson, Seitz,  
Thomas, Uecker, Yuko Representatives Blessing, Curtin, Derickson, Leland**

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**A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N**

To urge the United States Department of Transportation 1  
(USDOT) to select the City of Columbus as the award 2  
winner for the USDOT Smart City Challenge. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Transportation 4  
(USDOT) announced on December 7, 2015, the Smart City Challenge, 5  
which is a grant program to be awarded on a competitive basis; 6  
and 7

WHEREAS, In order to be awarded a grant under the Smart 8  
City Challenge, a mid-sized city must demonstrate how advanced 9  
data and intelligent transportation system technologies and 10  
applications can be used to reduce congestion, keep travelers 11  
safe, protect the environment, respond to climate change, 12  
connect underserved communities, and support economic vitality; 13  
and 14

WHEREAS, The City of Columbus was named as one of seven 15  
finalists from an original pool of seventy-eight applicants that 16  
are eligible to receive funding for capital improvements and 17

operations for the purpose of demonstrating advanced data and 18  
intelligent transportation system technologies that are capable 19  
of meeting the stated goals of the Smart City Challenge; and 20

WHEREAS, The city that is selected under the Smart City 21  
Challenge will be awarded a \$40 million USDOT grant, with a 22  
potential additional grant of \$10 million from USDOT's electric 23  
vehicle vendor, Paul Allen's Vulcan, in addition to tens of 24  
millions of dollars of in-kind contributions from Alphabet's 25  
Sidewalk Labs, Amazon Web Services, Autodesk, MobileEye, and 26  
NXP; and 27

WHEREAS, Grant money awarded to the city that is selected 28  
under the Smart City Challenge will be used to assist that city 29  
in implementing its proposed demonstration; now therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 31  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, urge 32  
USDOT to select the City of Columbus as its winner for the Smart 33  
City Challenge based on Columbus' ability to create a twenty- 34  
first century transportation system that will be a model for 35  
other cities around the country; and be it further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 37  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the 38  
United States Department of Transportation, the members of the 39  
Ohio Congressional delegation, the Mayor of the City of 40  
Columbus, and the news media of Ohio. 41