



**2004-9
EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING INTERSTATE 55 BETWEEN
CARLINVILLE AND SPRINGFIELD AS THE VINCE DEMUZIO
EXPRESSWAY**

WHEREAS, Senator Vince Demuzio has devoted over 29 years of his life to public service from his first election to the Illinois State Senate in 1974 to his current service as Senate Majority Leader; and

WHEREAS, Senator Vince Demuzio is the longest serving current member of the Senate and has served the people of this State with honorable distinction; and

WHEREAS, Senator Vince Demuzio has always been a passionate leader and an inspiring orator on the issues that are close to his heart; and

WHEREAS, Senator Vince Demuzio has been a champion for the building of an effective transportation infrastructure for the citizens of Illinois, through his advocacy for the completion of Route 36 from Jacksonville to Quincy, for major road improvements along the Route 67 corridor from Alton to Jacksonville, and for the conversion of Route 29 from Rochester to Taylorville into a four-lane road; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 55 between Carlinville and Springfield is one of the major transportation routes in the State and is a road frequently traversed by the Senator himself; and

WHEREAS, as the Governor of Illinois, I wish to permanently commemorate the distinguished leadership of Senator Vince Demuzio and his abiding impact on the people of Illinois.

THEREFORE, I hereby order the following:

- I. The portion of Interstate Highway 55 commencing in Carlinville and ending in Springfield shall be designated the Vince Demuzio Expressway.
- II. The Illinois Department of Transportation shall erect appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the Vince Demuzio Expressway.
- III. This Executive Order shall be in full force and effect upon its filing with the Secretary of State.

ROD BLAGOJEVICH, Governor

Issued by Governor: _____, 2004
 Filed with Secretary of State: _____, 2004