

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Adult day centers provide nursing home type  
3 services on an "outpatient" basis; and

4 WHEREAS, When adult day centers close, clients have  
5 little choice but to enter a nursing home; and

6 WHEREAS, The State pays an average of \$409 for one month  
7 of care in an adult day center, compared to an average of  
8 \$2,700 for a Medicaid nursing home bed; and

9 WHEREAS, Twenty adult day centers have closed in the last  
10 three years; and

11 WHEREAS, Another dozen centers have indicated that they  
12 will have to close their doors, halt accepting State funded  
13 clients, or are contemplating significant staff layoffs; and

14 WHEREAS, Center closings have swelled the number of  
15 unserved counties to 62; and

16 WHEREAS, The fiscal year 2004 proposed budget fails to  
17 increase adult day center rates, but includes an equivalent  
18 amount of funds for contracting with new programs; and

19 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the State of  
20 Illinois, its frail, elderly residents, and the families who  
21 are caring for them to first stabilize the existing programs  
22 before bringing new programs on line; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
24 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
25 if any additional funding becomes available, it will be a  
26 priority of the House of Representatives to appropriate funds  
27 to currently operating adult day center facilities.