



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On January 1, 2004, Illinois State law changed to
3 require all children under the age of 8 years to be restrained
4 in an appropriate child restraint system, including a booster
5 seat, and those children under the age of 16 to be secured in a
6 seat belt; and

7 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Transportation
8 Division of Traffic Safety received federal funds for the Child
9 Safety Seat Program for local communities; \$166,000 of federal
10 transportation money was spent to provide safety seats and
11 promotional materials to Illinois residents across the State;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Currently, independent insurance agencies are
14 training individuals to be "safety seat inspectors", as well as
15 holding community awareness days on the safe installation of
16 child safety seats; and

17 WHEREAS, Enhancing the child safety seat program through a
18 media campaign and more resources, such as safety seats for
19 families in need, fundraising techniques to utilize local
20 community resources, and training seminars to expand the
21 numbers of "safety seat inspectors" and to teach proper
22 installation techniques, would demonstrate how important
23 safety seats are in protecting children while riding in
24 vehicles; and

25 WHEREAS, These programs could also be expanded to doctor's
26 offices, early childhood screening centers, school districts,
27 and hospitals; therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
29 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
30 we urge the Governor to support funding for the Illinois

1 Department of Transportation Safety Seat Program; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
4 presented to the Governor and the Secretary of Transportation.