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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is the primary governmental entity responsible for the public safety and welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, The September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S. prompted the nation to take additional actions to protect our key public facilities, infrastructure, and private assets; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress created the Homeland Security Department in order to better coordinate the nation's response to terrorism and natural disasters, and this federal department allocates funds annually under the United States Homeland Security Act of 2002; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Illinois has allocated in fiscal year 2006 funds for various transit agencies and local governments to enhance homeland security; and

WHEREAS, Terrorists around the globe have targeted major urban public transit systems as strategic targets for their attacks; and

WHEREAS, The CTA operates the nation's second largest public transportation system, serving the city of Chicago and 40 surrounding suburbs, with nearly 1.5 million rides taken by the public on the CTA on an average weekday; and

WHEREAS, The CTA has approximately 2,000 buses that operate over 153 routes and 2,273 route miles, providing about 1 million passenger trips a day and serving more than 12,000 posted bus stops; while CTA's 1,190 rapid transit cars operate over eight routes and 222 miles of track, providing

1 approximately 500,000 customer trips each day at 144 stations;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Chicago is one of the few cities in the world that
4 provide rapid transit service to two major airports; and

5 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois, the County of Cook, and the
6 City of Chicago recognize the CTA as one of the city's and the
7 region's major public assets and a high priority for enhanced
8 protection as part of the city's homeland security, disaster,
9 and terrorist response planning; and

10 WHEREAS, Two recent derailments of CTA rapid transit
11 trains, along with the 2006 Metra Electric derailment,
12 underscored the potential vulnerability of transit riders and
13 our public transportation system to disasters; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we support the call for disaster relief and the restoration of
17 conductors along key portions of the CTA's Rapid Transit
18 Systems for the purpose of securing public transportation as a
19 vital public asset; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a separate comprehensive system shall be
21 established to provide security for mass transit systems
22 statewide; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
24 delivered to the Governor, the President of the Cook County
25 Board, and the Mayor of Chicago.