

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, This General Assembly has heretofore  
3 appropriated \$40 million in the State's Fiscal Year 2002  
4 Budget to the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) for the  
5 purpose of making grants to its Service Boards to subsidize  
6 the provision of reduced fare transit for the elderly,  
7 students, and the disabled (P.A. 92-8, Art. 52, Section  
8 19b1); and

9 WHEREAS, It is the understanding of this House of  
10 Representatives that a commitment to fund the RTA at \$40  
11 million per year for these purposes was an integral component  
12 of the 2001 Illinois First program; and

13 WHEREAS, Proposed budgets of the RTA and its Service  
14 Boards the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) and PACE for their  
15 fiscal years commencing January 1, 2002 have been prepared in  
16 full reliance on the existing Fiscal Year 2002 appropriation;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, These appropriated funds are necessary for the  
19 maintenance of service by PACE and CTA; and

20 WHEREAS, On November 27, 2001, Governor George Ryan  
21 announced that it was his intent not to expend \$4 million of  
22 the Fiscal Year 2002 appropriation for these purposes;  
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
25 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
26 we urge Governor George Ryan to fully honor the aforesaid  
27 duly enacted statutory appropriation and provide \$40 million  
28 to the RTA for these purposes in Fiscal Year 2002; and be it  
29 further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urges that  
31 the Governor's Fiscal Year 2003 Budget be prepared requesting

1 an appropriation of no less than \$40 million for the RTA for  
2 these purposes; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to  
4 the Governor of the State of Illinois.