

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Travel and tourism is one of America's largest  
3 service exports providing a trade surplus of \$7 billion last  
4 year, and it is one of the nation's largest employers with a  
5 total of 18 million jobs, that is one in every seven people;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Including the \$90 billion spent in the U.S. by  
8 international visitors, travel and tourism generated \$545  
9 billion last year, providing \$94.4 billion in tax revenue to  
10 local, state, and federal governments; and

11 WHEREAS, The travel and tourism industry supports the  
12 vital interests of Illinois, contributing to our employment,  
13 economic prosperity, international trade and relations,  
14 peace, understanding, and goodwill; and

15 WHEREAS, Travel and tourism ranks as one of Illinois  
16 largest industries in terms of revenues generated; and

17 WHEREAS, 80.1 million travelers visited Illinois  
18 contributing \$23.7 billion to the economy in our State; and

19 WHEREAS, Travel and tourism provided employment for  
20 669,100 people in Illinois, generating a payroll of \$14.7  
21 million; and

22 WHEREAS, As people throughout the world become more aware  
23 of the outstanding cultural and recreational resources  
24 available in Illinois and the United States, travel and  
25 tourism will become an increasingly important aspect in the  
26 lives of our citizens; and

27 WHEREAS, Given these laudable contributions to the  
28 economic, social, and cultural well being of the citizens of  
29 Illinois, it is fitting that we recognize the importance of  
30 travel and tourism; and

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
3           SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that May 4 through 12, 2002, is  
4           hereby designated the 19th Annual Celebration of National  
5           Tourism Week, and the Governor of Illinois is requested to  
6           issue a proclamation calling upon the people of Illinois to  
7           observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities;  
8           and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10          presented to Governor George Ryan.