

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There is a tremendous increase in the need for
3 transportation services, particularly for the older
4 populations; persons 85 and over are the fastest growing
5 segment of the American population; twenty percent of the
6 Jewish community is over age 85; to address this need, the
7 United Jewish Communities and other organizations formed a
8 Senior Transportation Task Force; and

9 WHEREAS, Within the reauthorization of the Transportation
10 Equity Act for the 21st Century, the United States Congress
11 should significantly increase funding levels for the Federal
12 Transit Administration's Section 5310, which is the major
13 transit program for seniors, based on the dramatic increase
14 in the number of seniors in our population; and

15 WHEREAS, On Wednesday, February 26, 2003, the United
16 Jewish Communities and several Jewish Federations and social
17 service agencies joined together to sponsor a national
18 call-in day for senior transportation; members of these
19 communities called their congressmen and congresswomen in
20 order to express the importance of senior transportation
21 issues and to ask that their representatives and senators do
22 everything they can to work toward the reauthorization of the
23 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; therefore, be
24 it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
27 we congratulate the coalition of the United Jewish
28 Communities, Jewish Federations, and Jewish social service
29 agencies on the National Call-In Day for Senior
30 Transportation that was held on February 26, 2003, and we
31 support their efforts on behalf of senior transportation; and
32 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the United Jewish Communities and the Senior
3 Transportation Task Force with our best wishes.