

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, United Airlines is the largest air carrier  
3 headquartered in Illinois, the ongoing viability and  
4 stability of United Airlines, a significant economic engine  
5 for commercial activity throughout Northern Illinois, is of  
6 paramount importance to the welfare of the State of Illinois  
7 and its citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, United employs nearly 20,000 at O'Hare, Chicago  
9 Reservations, World Headquarters, and other locations  
10 throughout Northern Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, United and its holding company, UAL Corporation,  
12 also contribute over \$84,000,000 annually in rents and  
13 landing fees, passenger facility charges, and significant tax  
14 revenue to the region and the State of Illinois; and

15 WHEREAS, Each day, more than 800 United flights takeoff  
16 or arrive at O'Hare and more than 80,000 United passengers  
17 arrive or depart from O'Hare. One United domestic passenger  
18 arriving at O'Hare generates approximately \$1,120 for the  
19 City of Chicago and the State of Illinois. Each  
20 international passenger generates approximately \$2,310.  
21 Because of United, almost 15,000,000 travelers a year  
22 contribute to the region's economy; and

23 WHEREAS, United's Chicago Reservations Center makes  
24 upwards of 18,000,000 bookings annually and, at the same  
25 time, United Cargo employees process over 232,000,000 pounds  
26 of mail and freight at O'Hare; and

27 WHEREAS, United was significantly impacted by the  
28 September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks; with two of four  
29 hijacked aircraft belonging to United, it was both a target  
30 and a victim of the tragic events of September 11; and

31 WHEREAS, The dramatic drop in air travel since September

1 11, 2001 -- especially high yield international and business  
2 travel -- has and continues to have a significant  
3 deteriorating impact on the financial condition of United  
4 Airlines; and

5 WHEREAS, The Air Transportation Safety and System  
6 Stabilization Act was signed by the President of the United  
7 States on September 22, just 11 days after the terrorist  
8 attacks of September 11, 2001; and

9 WHEREAS, The President of the United States described  
10 this Act as providing "urgently needed tools" to assure  
11 safety and immediate stability of our Nation's commercial  
12 airline system and to establish a process for compensating  
13 victims of terrorist attacks; and

14 WHEREAS, In order to compensate air carriers for the  
15 losses associated with September 11, and to induce private  
16 lending institutions to extend financial assistance to U.S.  
17 airlines, the Stabilization Act provided direct grants for  
18 air carriers and up to \$10,000,000,000 in loan guarantees for  
19 U.S. based air carriers; and

20 WHEREAS, The loan guarantee provision of the Act is meant  
21 to assist those carriers that suffered losses due to the  
22 terrorist attacks of September 11, and to whom credit is  
23 otherwise not available in order to facilitate a safe,  
24 efficient, and viable commercial aviation system in the  
25 United States; and

26 WHEREAS, There is no cost to the U.S. Government or to  
27 the American taxpayer, apart from administrative expenses,  
28 unless the airline defaults on the loan and the U.S.  
29 Government is called on to honor the guarantee; and

30 WHEREAS, United has outlined a sound financial recovery  
31 plan with four basic tenets: expense reduction, revenue

1 enhancement, employee-shared sacrifice, and financing and  
2 liquidity; and

3 WHEREAS, United's updated ATSB loan application, dated  
4 October 22, 2002, requesting \$1,800,000,000 includes specific  
5 labor cost reductions of \$5,800,000,000 over the next 5 1/2  
6 years, with the participation of all employee groups; and

7 WHEREAS, United Airlines has pledged specific non-labor  
8 profit improvements of \$1,400,000,000 and a process for an  
9 additional \$400,000,000 in savings; and

10 WHEREAS, United has pledged to work tirelessly to find  
11 additional means of enhancing revenue and lowering costs; and

12 WHEREAS, United is in precisely the situation Congress  
13 had in mind when it enacted the Air Transportation Safety and  
14 System Stabilization Act; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
17 we do hereby formally request and urge the Air Transportation  
18 Stabilization Board, part of the United States Treasury, to  
19 expeditiously approve United Airlines' application for a loan  
20 guarantee; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
22 immediately delivered to George W. Bush, the President of the  
23 United States; Alan Greenspan, the Chairman of the Federal  
24 Reserve Board; Norman Mineta, the Secretary of  
25 Transportation; and Paul O'Neill, the Secretary of the  
26 Treasury.