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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate urges that the Governor's Fiscal Year 2003 Budget be prepared requesting an appropriation of no less than \$40 million for the RTA for

1 these purposes; and be it further

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