

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) is an
3 efficient mode of public transportation, currently the second
4 largest in the U.S.; and

5 WHEREAS, The CTA wishes to forge strong community
6 relationships and encourage Chicagoland residents as well as
7 visitors to utilize the system; and

8 WHEREAS, The University Pass (U-Pass) Program is a
9 discount fare medium that provides full-time college and
10 university students with unlimited rides on all CTA trains
11 and buses throughout the duration of an academic term; and

12 WHEREAS, The U-Pass program further demonstrates the
13 CTA's ongoing commitment to the community and to providing
14 on-time, clean, safe, and friendly service; and

15 WHEREAS, Since its inception two and one-half years ago,
16 22 schools and tens of thousands of students have
17 participated in the U-Pass Program, with approximately
18 40,000 students now enjoying its benefits; and

19 WHEREAS, Many of those students would otherwise be forced
20 to drive their personal automobiles, worsening the already
21 serious traffic congestion issues the metropolitan area
22 already faces; and

23 WHEREAS, The program is intended to stimulate increases
24 in CTA ridership, especially during off-peak hours, getting
25 maximum efficiency in the use of public funds; and

26 WHEREAS, U-Pass introduces the CTA to students who have
27 not used it before, providing convenient, low-cost
28 transportation to full-time students; and

29 WHEREAS, The increased ridership adds to the overall
30 ridership figures, increasing levels of federal funding for

1 the agency; and

2 WHEREAS, many of the Chicago metropolitan area's finest
3 educational institutions participate, including the Cooking
4 and Hospitality Institute of Chicago, Columbia College,
5 Dawson Technical Institute, DePaul University, East-West
6 University, Harold Washington College, Harrington Institute
7 of Interior Design, John Marshall Law School, Kennedy-King
8 College, Loyola University, Northwestern University School of
9 Law, Malcolm X College, Robert Morris College, Roosevelt
10 University, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago,
11 Illinois Institute of Technology, Illinois Institute of Art,
12 Olive-Harvey College, Truman College, MacCormac College,
13 Northwestern Business College, and the Taylor Business
14 Institute; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 the House of Representatives expresses its strong support for
18 the Chicago Transit Authority's U-Pass program and urges the
19 Boards of Trustees at the three State universities that have
20 not chosen to participate (the University of Illinois at
21 Chicago, Northeastern Illinois University, and Chicago State
22 University) to seriously consider the program as another
23 possible transportation alternative to the problems that
24 their students face; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
26 delivered to the Boards of Trustees of the University of
27 Illinois at Chicago, Northeastern Illinois University, and
28 Chicago State University.