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**SCHAKOWSKY COMMENDS DAVIS AND POSTAL CAUCUS  
FOR LEADERSHIP ON POSTAL CONSUMER ISSUES**

**COSPONSORS RESOLUTION CALLING ON POSTAL SERVICE TO CONTINUE  
AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE SERVICE SIX DAYS A WEEK**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) today commended Representative Danny K. Davis (D-IL), author of a Congressional Resolution stating that problems facing the "United States Postal Service cannot be solved by drastic reductions in service, reducing 6-day delivery, post office closings, diminishing collective bargaining rights, or increasing postal rates."**

**The Resolution also calls on the USPS to defer any future rate increase requests until 2002 at the earliest. Furthermore, the Resolution states that the United States Postal Service should "redouble" efforts to eliminate mismanagement and improve productivity.**

**"Postal customers in the Chicago area do not want to pay the price for financial problems at the United States Postal Service. While we are aware that steps must be taken to address recent financial woes at the USPS, Congress should send a clear message to all our constituents that we expect the Postal Service to continue to meet the needs of consumers without cutting Saturday service and unreasonable price hikes," Schakowsky said.**

**"At the same time we recognize the great demand that is placed every day on the hard working men and women who deliver and process our mail. That is why continued collective bargaining rights for postal employees are non-negotiable," Schakowsky added.**

**She concluded, "I look forward to working with Representative Davis and my colleagues on the Postal Caucus to meet those goals and to ensure that needed capital projects throughout the country are funded without further delay."**