

Guzzler Too Expensive

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Lundine To Retire Office Van

The latest gas-guzzler heading for retirement is Rep. Stanley N. Lundine's mobile congressional office van.

In order to conserve energy and expand representation, Lundine announced yesterday that the mobile van will not be used after Jan. 30. Instead, office manager Thom Shagla will schedule community office hours in public buildings throughout the 39th Congressional District.

"Our use of the mobile office since early

1976 has demonstrated that the three permanent offices — in Elmira, Olean and Jamestown — can't reach many of our vast district's residents," Lundine said. "The mobile office has been extremely valuable for that purpose.

"But in these times of severe energy problems, added to the significant expense to the taxpayer for the van," he continued, "I have made the decision to replace the vehicle with a more energy-efficient and far more flexible field representation system."

Shagla will schedule his community visits in town, village and city halls and community buildings. Lundine said this would create "a new degree of interaction" between his office and local officials. "Thom, who is the former mayor of the village of Bemus Point, is keenly aware of the concerns of smaller communities and the need for contact which this system can provide."

Shagla will continue to use Lundine's Jamestown congressional office as a home base.