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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

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WHEREAS, The nation's counties, cities, and local governments are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet their needs; and

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WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century, to fighting the opioid epidemic, to responding to natural disasters, to supporting veterans and military families; and

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WHEREAS, National service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and

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WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 50,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

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1 WHEREAS, National service participants increase the impact
2 of the organizations they serve, both through their direct
3 service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and

4 WHEREAS, National service represents a unique
5 public-private partnership that invests in community solutions
6 and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community
7 impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

8 WHEREAS, National service participants demonstrate
9 commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive
10 commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in
11 their future endeavors; and

12 WHEREAS, The Corporation for National and Community
13 Service shares a priority with local leaders nationwide to
14 engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; it
15 is joining with the National League of Cities, the National
16 Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and local leaders
17 across the country for National Service Recognition Day on
18 April 3, 2018; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize April 3,
21 2018 as National Service Day in the State of Illinois, and we
22 encourage citizens to recognize the positive impact of national

1 service in their communities, to thank those who serve, and to
2 find ways to give back.