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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Tinley Park Mental Health Center was constructed
3 in 1958; it occupies 213 acres and is adjacent to the 62 acres
4 of property vacated by the Howe Development Center; and

5 WHEREAS, The facility was decertified by the federal
6 government in 2009; and

7 WHEREAS, The 61-year-old facility stopped admissions on
8 June 16, 2012, and patients were discharged into local
9 hospitals and treatment providers; and

10 WHEREAS, The Tinley Park Mental Health Center property has
11 remained unoccupied for the past seven years and poses safety
12 and environmental risks to local residents of Tinley Park; and

13 WHEREAS, The Village of Tinley Park has conducted their own
14 private study, at the expense of taxpayers, to investigate the
15 environmental risks associated with the Tinley Park Mental
16 Health Center; and

17 WHEREAS, The Results of the Village of Tinley Park's
18 studies have estimated an environmental clean up cost of
19 \$12,400,000.00; and

1 WHEREAS, The Tinley Park Mental Health Center costs the
2 state approximately \$500,000.00 a year for maintenance and
3 unduly burdens the taxpayers of the State of Illinois,
4 including the residents of Tinley Park and the surrounding
5 communities; and

6 WHEREAS, The Village of Tinley Park has taken requested
7 proposals from qualified developers across the nation in order
8 to properly develop the Tinley Park Mental Health Center; and

9 WHEREAS, The residents and developers deserve to know the
10 estimated value of the property and the costs that are
11 associated with the purchase and development of the property;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The residents of Tinley Park deserve to have the
14 property developed and should not be responsible for the costs
15 associated with the environmental clean up from an outdated
16 state property; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the past four years, members of the Illinois
18 General Assembly have requested that the previous Governor and
19 his administration proceed with the resolution of the
20 environmental issues associated with the Tinley Park Mental
21 Health Center so the surplus property could be sold; and

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Illinois General Assembly have also
2 requested that the Department of Central Management Services
3 conduct three independent appraisals on the property, which is
4 required by Illinois State law; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Governor JB
7 Pritzker and the Director of the Department of Central
8 Management Services to conduct the three independent
9 appraisals required by State law in order to further the sale
10 of the Tinley Park Mental Health Center; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
12 delivered to Governor JB Pritzker and the Director of the
13 Department of Central Management Services.