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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Going Home Coalition believes that integrated living in the general community is the best practice for people with disabilities; and

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WHEREAS, Persons with disabilities have been historically isolated and segregated from their home communities, often in institutional settings, and Illinois currently institutionalizes more people with developmental disabilities than 48 other states; and

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WHEREAS, The U.S. Supreme Court decreed in *Olmstead v. LC.* on June 22, 1999, that the unjustified institutionalization of people with disabilities is illegal discrimination; and

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WHEREAS, *Olmstead* Plaintiffs Lois Curtis and Elaine Wilson won the right to live safe, meaningful, and connected lives in their communities as a result of this decision; and

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WHEREAS, The *Olmstead* decision was affirmed in Illinois by the U.S. District Court in *Ligas v. Harnos* on June 15, 2011, giving plaintiff Stanley Ligas the right to live an integrated life in the way he imagined it; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare June 22,  
2 2019 and 2020 as "Illinois Community Living Day" in the State  
3 of Illinois, and we urge the citizens of Illinois to celebrate  
4 with both service and awareness; and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the Going Home Coalition as a symbol of our  
7 respect and esteem.