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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There are many competing theories on why violence
3 plagues our nation and why mass shooters repeatedly target our
4 schools; and

5 WHEREAS, Many acts of violence begin with feelings of
6 detachment, desolation, and isolation; and

7 WHEREAS, Part of the shock of any mass shooting is the
8 helplessness we all feel afterwards; and

9 WHEREAS, It is critical for children to have relationships
10 and be connected with adults and other children, and many
11 children are missing these powerful connections and
12 relationships outside of school; and

13 WHEREAS, These children may be in danger of slipping
14 through the cracks and may resort to violence to be heard; and

15 WHEREAS, A greeting, a smile, or a show of genuine concern
16 for a disconnected student can make a difference in that
17 child's life; and

18 WHEREAS, The Know Me, Know My Name movement is an effort by
19 educators to identify individual students in a school who have

1 "little to no" connections with staff or others; and

2 WHEREAS, The Know Me, Know My Name movement is an effort to
3 build relationships between disconnected youth and educators,
4 and in the process, realize better attendance and increase
5 academic success; and

6 WHEREAS, In the San Juan, California School District, where
7 this was implemented, they found that student attendance
8 increased and grades improved; and

9 WHEREAS, The Know Me, Know My Name movement is a cost-free
10 way for educators to identify and make contact with children
11 who are in danger of slipping through the cracks at school; and

12 WHEREAS, A Know Me, Know My Name plan can be carried out
13 during an existing school in-service; and

14 WHEREAS, After disconnected students are identified,
15 teachers and other school officials make a concerted effort to
16 establish connections with these children; and

17 WHEREAS, These connections will help to lead away from
18 violence and toward compassion, kindness, connection,
19 community, and resilience and may save lives in the process;
20 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we encourage all school
3 districts in Illinois to adopt a Know Me, Know My Name plan to
4 identify disconnected youth in their schools and start on a
5 path to build relationships with those children that leads away
6 from violence and toward compassion and belonging.