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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Court Reporters Association (ILCRA) provides leadership and information to the users of verbatim court reporting services and the public in Illinois regarding the special competency, importance, and value of the shorthand reporting system and the key role Certified Shorthand Reporters play in the justice system in Illinois courts; and

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WHEREAS, Every day, stenographic realtime captioners in Illinois provide communication access for millions of people throughout the State and country who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, when the consumers of realtime captions are engaged in their business, educational, recreational, and personal lives; and

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WHEREAS, Court reporters capture testimony and communications at legal proceedings and official meetings by use of contemporaneous shorthand as the proceedings occur; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois court reporters are licensed Certified Shorthand Reporters (CSRs) who diligently serve as Guardians of the Record and provide verbatim transcripts of depositions, trials, hearings, and meetings; and

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WHEREAS, Court reporters in Illinois utilize digital

1 technology, including their sophisticated steno machines and
2 computers, to instantly capture every spoken word in realtime
3 shorthand and regularly create their shorthand notes from
4 participants speaking in proceedings at speeds of between
5 200-275 words per minute; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois CSRs produce the Official Record of
7 Proceedings upon which Illinois courts, attorneys, and
8 litigants can rely in the pursuit of protection of their
9 rights and interests in the judicial system and are
10 conscientious in protecting the private, proprietary, and
11 confidential information that they hear and report for the
12 users of their services; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we declare February 5-12, 2022 as "Court Reporting and
16 Captioning Week" in the State of Illinois.