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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Partnership for Local Government Education is
3 a collaboration formed to increase interest and involvement in
4 local government in the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The Partnership for Local Government Education is
6 composed of the Illinois Association of County Board Members
7 and Commissioners, the Illinois Municipal League, the Township
8 Officials of Illinois, and the University of Illinois
9 Extension; and

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WHEREAS, Local government is the branch of government which
11 is closest to the people; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois has more local governments than any other
13 state; 6,700 local governments, an estimated 70,000 elected
14 officials, and 100,000 appointed officials, providing critical
15 services to the citizens of the State of Illinois and our
16 communities; and

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WHEREAS, Citizens do not have a clear understanding of the
18 functions of local government; and

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WHEREAS, The mission of the Partnership is to further the
20 understanding of the role that local government plays in

1 individual lives and collectively, and appreciate the many
2 services that the various forms of local governments provide
3 their constituents; and

4 WHEREAS, "Local Government Week" focuses attention on the
5 need for strong, independent and active local government in
6 this State and recognizes the valuable contributions made by
7 citizens serving their communities in public office;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that in recognition of the
11 Partnership for Local Government Education and the leadership,
12 innovation, and valuable service provided by our State's local
13 elected and appointed official, we proclaim the week of March
14 4-10, 2007, and the first full week of March each year
15 thereafter, as "Local Government Week" in the State of
16 Illinois; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the Partnership for Local Government Education as
19 an expression of our esteem.