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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Supportive Living Program has proven to be one of the most successful models for affordable assisted living in the country, and offers seniors and persons with disabilities care, compassion, comfort, and cost in an environment that helps promote independence and wellness; and

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WHEREAS, There are 147 Supportive Living facilities with over 11,000 apartments operating or soon to be operating throughout Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Supportive Living is the largest federal Medicaid home and community-based assisted living waiver program in the country with 11,500 persons that can be served annually; and

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WHEREAS, Supportive Living has been lauded by the residents and their families for the high quality of life and services provided; and

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WHEREAS, These services, such as medication supervision, personal care, homemaking, laundry, and a 24 hour staff to meet resident's scheduled and unscheduled needs, promote an active, independent lifestyle for residents; and

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WHEREAS, Research has shown that there are positive health

1 benefits associated with socialization, keeping active, and
2 having one's health status monitored to provide early detection
3 and treatment; and

4 WHEREAS, By combining apartment style housing with these
5 services, residents can live independently and take part in
6 decision making where personal choice, dignity, privacy and
7 individuality are emphasized; and

8 WHEREAS, Supportive Living is cost-effective for the State
9 as rates are lower for residents of supportive living
10 facilities who might otherwise reside in nursing facilities;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we proclaim and
14 recognize April 28 through May 2, 2008, as Supportive Living
15 Week in the State of Illinois, and encourage seniors and
16 persons with disabilities to take advantage of the supportive
17 living program whenever possible.