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1 SENATE RESOLUTION WHEREAS, There have been 113 homicides in Chicago in 2010, 2 3 with 16 of those victims being children; and WHEREAS, Over the past 2 years, nearly 1,000 Chicagoans 4 5 were murdered, including 129 youths under the age of 18; and 6 WHEREAS, 369 Illinoisans under the age of 25 were killed by 7 firearms in 2006 alone; and 8 WHEREAS, 16-year-old Reggies Washington was just blocks 9 from his home when he was struck by a bullet around 7:30 P.M. on April 2, 2010; and 10 11 WHEREAS, Police found the Chicago high school student in 12 the middle of the street with a qunshot wound in his back; and WHEREAS, Reggies died approximately one hour later from his 13 injuries; and 14 15 WHEREAS, Blake Munie, age 19, was in his car on April 9, 16 2010 when another teen approached the vehicle and opened fire; 17 and

WHEREAS, Blake was able to drive away from the scene with a

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1 gunshot wound to the chest, only to hit a utility pole blocks

- 2 away; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Blake later died at the hospital from his
- 4 injuries; and
- 5 WHEREAS, A 17-year-old Lakeland High School student named
- 6 Michael Lee was at a party in January of 2010 when a fight
- 7 spilled out onto the street; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Lee, an honor student and football player at his
- 9 high school, was shot and killed during the altercation; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are committed
- 11 to protecting children from gun violence; therefore, be it
- 12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
- 13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we raise awareness of
- 14 gun violence amongst our youth by designating the date of May
- 15 10, 2010 as "Protecting Young People from Gun Violence"
- Awareness Day; and be it further
- 17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
- 18 presented to the Washington, Munie, and Lee families as an
- 19 expression of our sympathy.