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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Regional superintendents of schools have
3 performed vital roles for the State, local school districts,
4 and taxpayers since their inception as county superintendents
5 in 1865; and

6 WHEREAS, Regional superintendents are facing an
7 unprecedented crisis this summer after Governor Quinn cut
8 funding from the State budget for their salaries; and

9 WHEREAS, Regional superintendents around the State have
10 remained committed to their duties as dedicated public
11 servants, elected by the people of Illinois, by continuing to
12 work hard in their jobs, despite not receiving pay since July
13 1st; and

14 WHEREAS, Regional superintendents perform duties and
15 services for school districts in Illinois that cannot be
16 duplicated, either under the law or practically, by either
17 State government or the local districts; and

18 WHEREAS, These valuable services and duties include
19 issuing, registering, and renewing certificates for 120,000
20 teachers and 700 administrators each year, providing safety
21 training for 20,000 bus drivers each year, inspecting 4,000

1 school and school-related buildings each year for safety,
2 auditing school district financial numbers, administering
3 truancy and alternative education programs for students with
4 behavior problems, and coordinating school consolidation and
5 reorganization hearings, to name a few; and

6 WHEREAS, The emotional and financial toll on the part of
7 the regional superintendents from not receiving a paycheck, yet
8 continuing to work through this crisis, is great and growing;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we wholeheartedly
12 recognize the extremely difficult situation facing the
13 regional superintendents these last few months and moving
14 forward; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we disagree with Governor Quinn's
16 contention that the regional superintendents could and should
17 be funded at the local level; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That State law clearly recognizes regional
19 superintendents of schools as State employees and a real value
20 to the taxpayers of Illinois; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That State legislators should override the

1 Governor's veto and restore the regional superintendents'
2 State funding in the upcoming fall veto session; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
5 delivered to Governor Pat Quinn and the Illinois State Board of
6 Education.