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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Nearly 13 million people live in the great State
3 of Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has never had a
5 comprehensive statewide reading program for all ages; and

6 WHEREAS, A key contributor to the literacy effort within
7 the State of Illinois is the Illinois Reading Council; and

8 WHEREAS, The Illinois Reading Council has taken it upon
9 itself to organize a statewide program, to be known as Illinois
10 Reads; and

11 WHEREAS, Illinois Reads will promote reading for all
12 Illinois citizens, beginning with read-aloud books for babies
13 to read with and books for senior citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, Illinois Reads will feature authors with ties to
15 the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we wholeheartedly
18 support the goals of the Illinois Reads program and urge
19 citizens throughout the State to become involved as Illinois

1 Reads Ambassadors to support the Illinois Reading Council's
2 efforts to promote literacy; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the Illinois Reading Council.