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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The government of the State of Illinois celebrates  
3 our local small businesses and the contributions they make to  
4 our local economy and communities; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the United States Small Business  
6 Administration, there are currently 28 million small  
7 businesses in the United States; they represent more than 99%  
8 of American companies, create two-thirds of net new jobs, and  
9 generate half of private gross domestic product; and

10 WHEREAS, Small businesses employ half of the employees in  
11 the private sector in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, Eighty-nine percent of consumers in the United  
13 States agree that small businesses contribute positively to our  
14 State by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and

15 WHEREAS, Eighty-six percent of consumers in the United  
16 States have small businesses in their community that the  
17 consumers would miss if those small businesses closed; and

18 WHEREAS, Ninety-three percent of consumers in the United  
19 States agree that it is important for people to support the  
20 small businesses that they value in their community; and

1           WHEREAS, Ninety percent of consumers in the United States  
2 are willing to pledge support for a "buy local" movement; and

3           WHEREAS, The State of Illinois supports our local  
4 businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and  
5 preserve our neighborhoods; and

6           WHEREAS, Advocacy groups and both public and private  
7 organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday  
8 after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the date  
11 of November 30, 2013 as "Small Business Saturday" in the State  
12 of Illinois; and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That we urge the residents of our State to  
14 support small businesses and merchants on Small Business  
15 Saturday and throughout the year.