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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Some Illinois students are unable to pursue activities and interests because of the costs associated with music education and youth sports programs; and

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WHEREAS, Study after study links the benefits of both music education and sports to the social, behavioral, and cognitive development of children; and

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WHEREAS, Schools find themselves first cutting the budgets of music, arts education, and extracurricular sports programs in dire budgetary times; and

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WHEREAS, The day of September 19 has been designated as Preventing Lost Potential Day by the HAVlife Foundation; and

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WHEREAS, The Preventing Lost Potential Day is to be an annual day of celebration and provides a renewed focus on the importance of and dedication to educate, encourage, protect, and develop our community's youth; and

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WHEREAS, The HAVlife Foundation serves as an advocate for all schools, non-profit organizations, sports clubs, civic organizations, government programs, and religious institutions that place emphasis on valuing and caring for youth; and

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1 WHEREAS, This day shall initiate an ongoing movement to
2 make the State of Illinois the best place in the nation for
3 youth; and

4 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes that this effort
5 is successful because of the partnerships that have formed
6 between residents, businesses, and community and State
7 organizations and organizations like HAVlife; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate September
10 19, 2015 as Preventing Lost Potential Day in the State of
11 Illinois; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That we urge the residents of this State to
13 continue to support our youth in their continued pursuit of
14 extracurricular activities, such as sports, music, and the
15 arts; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the HAVlife Foundation as a token of their resolve
18 in strengthening the youth of our nation.