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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A child's early years are a critical period in
3 learning and development, and set the foundation for higher
4 level thinking skills later in life; and

5 WHEREAS, Missing too many days of school can make it
6 difficult for youth to stay on track in classes and maintain
7 momentum for high school graduation; and

8 WHEREAS, Chronic absenteeism is a powerful predictor of the
9 students who may eventually drop out of school; and

10 WHEREAS, Chronic absenteeism can lead to poor educational
11 and life outcomes for children; and

12 WHEREAS, Students with documented disabilities are more
13 likely to be absent from school than their same aged peers; and

14 WHEREAS, Children and youth who are homeless are more
15 likely to be chronically absent; and

16 WHEREAS, The hard work of educators is undermined by
17 chronic absenteeism among students; and

18 WHEREAS, Positive reengagement strategies can decrease

1 chronic absenteeism and youth involvement in the juvenile
2 justice system; and

3 WHEREAS, Children with involved families have better
4 school attendance, lower suspension rates, and overall higher
5 graduation rates; and

6 WHEREAS, Students who are in school every day are much more
7 likely to engage in positive behaviors; and

8 WHEREAS, Community involvement decreases chronic
9 absenteeism and potentially increases the local quality of
10 life; and

11 WHEREAS, School attendance promotes college and career
12 readiness, thereby increasing the number of students in
13 Illinois with high quality degrees and credentials; therefore,
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we encourage the
17 Illinois State Board of Education and each school district in
18 this State to consider the benefits of the attendance awareness
19 campaign "Every Student Counts, Every Day Matters", encouraged
20 by the Illinois Attendance Commission; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 delivered to the Illinois State Board of Education and the
3 Regional Offices of Education.