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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Dual credit programs offer students the opportunity to take challenging college courses while still in high school; and

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WHEREAS, Successful completion and satisfactory performance of a dual credit course award students college credit at colleges and universities statewide, representing a substantial savings in college tuition for students and parents and in grants; and

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WHEREAS, An awareness of this program can provide pathways to higher education for all students, especially those from underrepresented communities; and

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WHEREAS, Challenging dual credit courses significantly contribute toward building a globally competitive, career-ready workforce in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Community College Board, Illinois Board of Higher Education, and non-profit college access organizations that administer or facilitate the participation in dual credit programs have had a long-standing partnership to build participation in dual credit programs in the State of Illinois; and

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1 WHEREAS, During State fiscal year 2016, there was a total
2 of 54,871 unduplicated high school students enrolled in one or
3 more Illinois community colleges; and

4 WHEREAS, The above figure represents continued growth in
5 the number of public school students taking dual credit courses
6 in the State of Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, The Senate encourages four-year colleges and
8 community colleges to visit high schools and take action to
9 help students register in dual credit courses; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that March 18, 2018 through
12 March 24, 2018 is recognized as Dual Credit Week in the State
13 of Illinois to promote awareness of a valuable educational
14 opportunity for high school students.