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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, School board members are elected to sit in trust for their diverse communities, and in that capacity are charged with meeting their communities' expectations and aspirations for the public education of their children; and

WHEREAS, School board members are entrusted with the guardianship and wise expenditure of scarce tax dollars; they are responsible for maintaining and preserving the buildings, grounds, and other areas of the school district that the community has put in their trust; and

WHEREAS, School board members are responsible for providing leadership that ensures a clear, shared vision of public education for their schools, that sets high standards for the education of all students, and requires the effective and efficient operation of their districts; and

WHEREAS, School board members adopt public policy to give voice to that leadership and employ a superintendent to administer board policy; they are also responsible for the regular monitoring of the district's performance and compliance with State policy; and

WHEREAS, School board members selflessly donate countless

1 hours to public service with no compensation; and

2 WHEREAS, Effective school board membership requires  
3 activities which may occur during business hours throughout the  
4 year; many employers in the State of Illinois support their  
5 employees who serve as school board members by allowing them  
6 the time to participate in those activities; and

7 WHEREAS, Employers are supportive of their employees who  
8 serve as school board members, generously lending support and  
9 time; employers give their employees the opportunity to better  
10 serve the needs of the school districts and citizens they  
11 represent through sometimes tremendous sacrifice to the  
12 employer; and

13 WHEREAS, The decisions made by school board members  
14 directly impact the quality of life in their communities,  
15 placing them at the front line of American democracy;  
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
19 proclaim November 15 in 2007, and November 15 of each year  
20 thereafter, as School Board Members Day in the State of  
21 Illinois, as a way to honor those citizens who devote so much  
22 of their time and energy for the education of our children.