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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The date of April 1, 2010 is Census Day in the
3 United States; and

4 WHEREAS, The decennial census is mandated by Article I,
5 Section 2 of the United States Constitution; and

6 WHEREAS, The first census in the United States was
7 conducted in 1790, when 4 million people were counted; the 2010
8 census is expected to count over 300 million people; and

9 WHEREAS, Data collected during the course of the decennial
10 census offers a snapshot of our nation's rich diversity,
11 informs government decisions about nearly \$15 billion in annual
12 funding, or approximately \$1,100 per capita, for important
13 social and human services, education, and infrastructure
14 programs, and determines the proper apportionment of Illinois'
15 representation in the United States Congress; and

16 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois gained significant benefits
17 when all of its inhabitants are counted, particularly during
18 challenging economic times; and

19 WHEREAS, The United States Census Bureau is bound by law to
20 keep any information collected during the 2010 Census

1 confidential; and

2 WHEREAS, The Census 2010 questionnaire contains 6
3 questions regarding 10 topics, but does not ask questions about
4 a respondent's Social Security number or current immigration
5 status; and

6 WHEREAS, Completion of the census questionnaire by all
7 inhabitants of the United States is an important exercise of
8 civic participation; and

9 WHEREAS, Governor Pat Quinn has pledged the State of
10 Illinois' full participation in the 2010 Census; on September
11 20, 2009, the Governor established a Complete Count Committee
12 to facilitate the pledge; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the citizens of
15 the State of Illinois to complete the Census 2010 questionnaire
16 by April 1, 2010 to ensure that Illinois is fully and
17 completely represented; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we urge all public officials in Illinois to
19 cooperate fully with the U.S. Census Bureau and assist the
20 Bureau with its efforts to make a complete count in Illinois.