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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Recognizing that work remains to be done to aid  
3 the high number of unemployed and underemployed individuals,  
4 this State and the federal government have announced major  
5 initiatives to promote workforce development activities; and

6           WHEREAS, These activities are primarily aimed at helping  
7 individuals acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to  
8 pursue a career in the current competitive job market; and

9           WHEREAS, As part of these efforts, this State will be  
10 promoting a new initiative to increase the work readiness of  
11 individuals by obtaining a college degree or career  
12 certificate; and

13           WHEREAS, At the federal level, major efforts are being made  
14 to review the nation's workforce and training system to make it  
15 more job-driven, integrated, and effective; and

16           WHEREAS, A key aspect in State and federal efforts is the  
17 active involvement of the private business sector; and

18           WHEREAS, Workforce Investment Boards provide businesses  
19 with an important forum to inform training providers, including  
20 the public education system, community colleges, the State

1 university system, and proprietary schools of the needs of the  
2 local business community; and

3 WHEREAS, Workforce Investment Boards were established by  
4 federal law to serve as a vital provider of information,  
5 programs, and services to individuals seeking employment,  
6 employers, and training providers; and

7 WHEREAS, Under the authority provided to Workforce  
8 Investment Boards, opportunities and funds are available for  
9 individuals to enroll in training programs and services at job  
10 centers throughout this State that give priority to the local  
11 business community's current and future needs; and

12 WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of the Senate  
13 support the role that Workforce Investment Boards play in  
14 providing important programs and services that help strengthen  
15 local communities and, by extension, this State and the nation;  
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the week  
19 of August 25 through August 31, 2014 as "Workforce Development  
20 Week" in Illinois and encourage individuals, businesses, and  
21 governmental organizations to visit and promote the programs  
22 and services offered through local Workforce Investment

1 Boards; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That August 25 through August 31, 2014 will be an  
3 opportunity for Workforce Investment Boards to highlight and  
4 promote the many ways in which they are undertaking this  
5 important work; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 delivered to the Department of Commerce and Economic  
8 Opportunity.