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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Currently, the State of Illinois has
3 approximately 63,000 retirees from Illinois' state
4 universities and community colleges, who have dedicated years
5 of service to Illinois public community colleges and
6 universities, to their families and communities, and to the
7 overall goodwill of our State; and

8 WHEREAS, Retirees of Illinois public colleges and
9 universities are served by the State Universities Retirement
10 System, known as "SURS", which seeks to secure and deliver the
11 benefits promised to its plan participants and to be
12 recognized as a respected leader among public pension plans;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Employees and retirees of Illinois public
15 colleges and universities are served by SURS, which seeks to
16 achieve high levels of member and stakeholder satisfaction
17 through development of sustainable and efficient, high-quality
18 processes, tools, and technology to deliver accurate, timely,
19 cost-effective, and empathetic service to those with
20 well-earned and constitutionally protected benefits; and

21 WHEREAS, SURS retirees have played a crucial role in
22 shaping the State's current workforce, its economy, education,

1 culture, and quality of life, and current employees will
2 likewise influence the future workforce through their work,
3 volunteerism, and civic engagement; and

4 WHEREAS, The total annual economic contribution to the
5 State and national economy of all SURS member participants is
6 annually nearly \$2 billion; and

7 WHEREAS, SURS retirees continue to enrich Illinois through
8 their shared wisdom, experiences, and continued involvement in
9 both formal and informal roles; and

10 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize and celebrate the
11 dedication, hard work, and sacrifice of SURS participants who
12 have attained the status of retiree and have shaped the future
13 of our State; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we declare June 13, 2025 as SURS Retiree Appreciation Day in
17 the State of Illinois to honor and recognize the ongoing
18 contributions and value of SURS retirees across the State; and
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That this day is an opportunity for all
21 Illinoisans to express gratitude and appreciation for SURS

1 retirees, host community events and recognition ceremonies,
2 and encourage businesses to offer discounts and services as a
3 sign of recognition for SURS retirees' contributions; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That on this day, Illinois public officials are
6 urged to take part in celebrations and activities to honor
7 SURS retirees and highlight programs that support SURS
8 retirees in maintaining active, fulfilling lives; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That this day shall be a reminder of the
11 importance of ensuring a strong, supportive, and engaged
12 community for all citizens, regardless of age or career stage.