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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

19 RESOLVED, That this day is an opportunity for all
20 Illinoisans to express gratitude and appreciation for SURS
21 retirees, host community events and recognition ceremonies,

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

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

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