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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Our nation's long-standing and ongoing audacious
3 experiment in self-governance requires a populace with an
4 understanding of the nation's laws and government, the skills
5 for discussion and working together across difference, and a
6 widespread commitment to the civic strength of our
7 communities; and

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WHEREAS, Civic education is vital to sustaining and
9 strengthening constitutional democracy in the United States of
10 America; and

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WHEREAS, The practice of democracy must be taught and
12 learned anew by each generation; and

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WHEREAS, Schools play a central role in building the civic
14 strength of our populace and nation; and

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WHEREAS, Civic Learning Week seeks to unite our community
16 and highlight the importance of civic knowledge, skills, and
17 dispositions that provide the foundation for an informed and
18 engaged populace; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly has strengthened
20 K-12 civic education in the State over the past decade by

1 requiring civics courses in middle school and high school, and
2 the Illinois Civic Mission Coalition has grown the Illinois
3 Democracy Schools network to more than 90 high schools
4 statewide, each of them deeply committed to students' civic
5 development, and supports teachers, schools, and districts
6 throughout the State with civics course and standards
7 implementation; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the week of
10 March 9 through March 17, 2025 as Civic Learning Week in the
11 State of Illinois.