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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The success of our children and communities, as  
3 well as the prosperity of our State and nation, are  
4 significantly influenced by exemplary teachers throughout the  
5 State of Illinois who dedicate their time and their talents to  
6 ensuring our schools and our students excel in everything they  
7 do; and

8 WHEREAS, Teachers mold future citizens through guidance  
9 and education, providing the knowledge, support, and skills  
10 that will positively impact generations to come; and

11 WHEREAS, Every day, our teachers encounter students of  
12 widely-differing backgrounds, challenging them to meet high  
13 academic standards, while also teaching them to apply what they  
14 learn using critical thinking and problem-solving skills; and

15 WHEREAS, Our State and country's future depends on  
16 providing quality education to all students; in our complex and  
17 rapidly-changing economy, teachers lay the foundation for  
18 success by developing students' creative thinking,  
19 collaboration, and communication skills; and

20 WHEREAS, Teachers dedicate countless hours to preparing  
21 lessons, evaluating progress, counseling and coaching

1 students, and performing community service, all with the  
2 ultimate goal of guaranteeing students' academic, social, and  
3 emotional well-being; and

4 WHEREAS, Through their service as mentors, coaches, and  
5 club sponsors, Illinois teachers model good citizenship and  
6 encourage students to give back to their communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Illinois teachers strive to instill in their  
8 students a lifelong love of learning and to encourage them to  
9 achieve their goals, while also recognizing that every student  
10 has unique strengths and needs; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
13 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we celebrate the hard work and  
14 dedication of teachers in every school across Illinois and  
15 declare May 4-8, 2020 as Teacher Appreciation Week in the State  
16 of Illinois; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That we strongly encourage all members of our  
18 communities statewide to join in personally expressing  
19 appreciation to our teachers for their dedication and devotion  
20 to their work.