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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 2012, the United Way celebrates the 125th
3 anniversary of its founding; and

4 WHEREAS, The United Way was founded in Denver in 1887; and

5 WHEREAS, Today, United Way is the largest privately funded
6 nonprofit corporation in the nation and the world, with more
7 than 1,800 United Ways in 41 countries and territories; and

8 WHEREAS, The focus of United Way is identifying and
9 resolving pressing community issues, as well as making
10 measurable changes in the communities through partnerships
11 with schools, government agencies, businesses, organized
12 labor, financial institutions, community development
13 corporations, voluntary and neighborhood associations, the
14 faith community and others; and

15 WHEREAS, The issues United Way focuses on are determined
16 locally because of the diversity of the communities served; and

17 WHEREAS, The United Way's overall framework, however,
18 includes education, income and health; and

19 WHEREAS, The United Way builds on community strengths and

1 assets, helps individuals and groups with specific community
2 interests, finds ways for them to contribute their time and
3 talents, supports direct-service programs and community-change
4 efforts and advocates public policy changes; and

5 WHEREAS, Many corporations, businesses, and unions partner
6 with United Way to address community needs; and

7 WHEREAS, The United Way organizations in the State of
8 Illinois advance the common good and improve communities across
9 the State as places to live and do business through strategic
10 investments, initiatives, partnerships and advocacy;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the
14 volunteers and administration of the United Way on the occasion
15 of the organization's 125th anniversary, declare December of
16 2012 as United Way Month, and encourage all residents of this
17 State to support the United Way; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the United Way.