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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Almost one in 10 U.S. counties has a population
3 that consists of more than 50% minorities; and

4 WHEREAS, Only 6% of the national public school teaching
5 force is Hispanic; and

6 WHEREAS, Only 7% of the national public school teaching
7 force is African-American; and

8 WHEREAS, The communities in this State where children live
9 and learn are growing increasingly diverse; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2012, 49% of this State's 2,000,000 public
11 school students were racially and ethnically diverse, while
12 16.7% of this State's teachers were similarly diverse; and

13 WHEREAS, Providing targeted experiences and support to
14 middle and high school educators is essential in the
15 recruitment and retention of a diverse teaching corps; and

16 WHEREAS, The Diversified Educator Recruitment Program will
17 help support increasing the number of teacher candidates from
18 diverse populations; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the General
3 Assembly to fund the Diversified Educator Recruitment Program
4 to provide resources, support, and experiences to support the
5 recruitment and retention of racially diverse teacher
6 candidates.