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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Many students in all levels of public schools benefit from the opportunity to participate in activities involving nature and the environment; and

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WHEREAS, Activities which better our communities and the areas in which we live are an integral part of the education of our young people; and

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WHEREAS, It is always a special benefit when communities can directly gain from the efforts of public school programs; and

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WHEREAS, Recently students from Pontiac Township High School's Science and Life Skills classes, TriPoint High School's National Honor Society and Science classes, Prairie Central's Grade School and Life Skills classes, Prairie Central High School Life Skills class, and Heartland Community College Science classes have collaborated on The Bluebird Project which will benefit all of their communities; and

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WHEREAS, These students have rallied their communities and have helped to install hundreds of bluebird houses throughout the area with the goal of attracting the eastern bluebird back to its native habitat; and

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1           WHEREAS, A community event, the second annual Bluebird  
2           Festival, is to be held in honor of this native bird and will  
3           feature decorations of artwork created by primary school  
4           students; and

5           WHEREAS, The students and teachers should be recognized for  
6           their efforts and their team spirit toward this notable  
7           project; and

8           WHEREAS, With this project being a collaboration of  
9           students, schools, and communities the teamwork and  
10          cooperation demonstrated is noteworthy, exciting, and  
11          significant in multiple forms; and

12          WHEREAS, The growth of our area, the beauty of our  
13          environment, the strength of our communities, and the character  
14          of our youth are all enhanced by the efforts and spirit of  
15          these students; therefore, be it

16          RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
17          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare May 4, 2017  
18          as "Bluebird Project Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it  
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20          RESOLVED, That we urge other schools in the State of

1 Illinois to follow these schools in doing similar efforts to  
2 strengthen and unify communities, beautify the environment,  
3 and build camaraderie across the State of Illinois; and be it  
4 further

5       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
6 delivered to Pontiac Township High School, TriPoint High  
7 School, Prairie Central Grade School, Prairie Central High  
8 School, and Heartland Community College.