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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are pleased to recognize Kathleen "Kate" Janush for her distinguished service and achievements in education and in the community; and

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WHEREAS, Kate Janush received her Bachelor of Arts in English and Education from Good Counsel College in White Plains, New York; she received her Master of Arts in English from Western Illinois University; and

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WHEREAS, Kate Janush began working as an educator 44 years ago; she started teaching at St. Giles School in 1987 and taught the 7th and 8th grades for 29 years, inspiring students through her language arts and literature classes; and

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WHEREAS, Kate Janush is fondly known as "Mrs. J."; she is well-known for her love of reading, which she has passed on to thousands of students over the years; she expressed her passion with a poster near her desk that reads "If you think reading is boring, you're not doing it right."; and

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WHEREAS, Early in her career, Kate Janush started her classes on a regimen of reading the legendary yellow dot books from the school library; she required her students to read a yellow dot book every two weeks during their 7th and 8th grade

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1 years, and take a 20-question quiz on the book, in addition to  
2 their regular class reading assignments; and

3 WHEREAS, Kate Janush wholeheartedly believed in Maya  
4 Angelou's quote, "Any book that helps a child to form a habit  
5 of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing  
6 needs, is good for him."; and

7 WHEREAS, Kate Janush contributed her tireless efforts to  
8 editing St. Giles' school yearbooks for 24 years, and as the  
9 unofficial school historian beginning in 1990, launched a  
10 collection of graduation memory boxes with photos and  
11 memorabilia; and

12 WHEREAS, Kate Janush was co-director of the 8th grade  
13 theater productions for 16 years with former 8th grade math  
14 teacher, Puddy Larsen; it was a labor of love as she  
15 co-launched the theater project "as a way to get the 8th  
16 graders all working together", thus becoming a much anticipated  
17 and valued tradition of the 8th grade year at St. Giles; and

18 WHEREAS, Kate Janush volunteered at the Friends of the Oak  
19 Park Public Library Book Fair, organized confirmation  
20 candidates to bake cookies for homeless shelters each week of  
21 the school year, and acted as a regular lector of morning  
22 masses for many years; and

1           WHEREAS, Kate Janush has been backed in her endeavors by  
2 her supportive husband, Dale, and her St. Giles alumnus son,  
3 Zach; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare June 7, 2017  
6 as Kathleen Janush Day in the State of Illinois, and we wish  
7 her the best in all her future endeavors; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Kathleen Janush as an expression of our esteem and  
10 gratitude.