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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On September 5, 2017, President Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program; and

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WHEREAS, In his announcement, Attorney General Sessions misled and mischaracterized those benefiting from the DACA program, as well as immigrant communities in general; and

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WHEREAS, Information released on September 5, 2017 from United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) states that they expect young people who benefited from DACA to use the remaining time on their work permits to "prepare and arrange for their departure" to return to their countries of birth; and

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WHEREAS, Hundreds of community members, educational institutions, political leaders from both parties and religious and business leaders publicly advocated against the end of DACA; and

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WHEREAS, DACA benefited young people who came to the United States before the age of 16, giving them a chance to study or work if they meet certain criteria, including age limits, physical presence in the United States, educational

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1 requirements, and not having serious criminal convictions; and

2 WHEREAS, More than 800,000 immigrants in the United States
3 and more than 42,000 in Illinois have received work permits and
4 temporary protection from deportation through the DACA program
5 since 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, A 2016 report by the Center for American Progress
7 shows that more than 60% of DACA recipients achieved financial
8 independence, and 61% reported helping their families; in
9 addition, DACA recipients reported increased earnings by an
10 average of 42%, and 70% of those in school with DACA are
11 pursuing a bachelor's degree or higher; and

12 WHEREAS, Ending the DACA program will have life-changing
13 and even tragic life-or-death consequences; and

14 WHEREAS, The end of DACA is detrimental to individuals and
15 families and to the interests of the residents of the State of
16 Illinois; and

17 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois values and respects the
18 inherent worth of every person, regardless of immigration
19 status, and welcomes the cultural and economic contributions of
20 DACA recipients and their families; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we call on President
3 Donald J. Trump, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and
4 the Congress of the United States of America to preserve
5 protections under DACA and to uphold the values of the United
6 States and the State of Illinois of providing protection to
7 vulnerable young people who have lived much of their lives in
8 the United States, attended school in the United States, and
9 made the United States their home; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
11 delivered to the President of the United States, the Majority
12 and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker
13 and Minority Leader of the United States House of
14 Representatives, the Acting Director of the U.S. Department of
15 Homeland Security, the Attorney General of the United States,
16 and all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.