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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, For half a century, the Illinois Court Reporters
3 Association (ILCRA) has been the preeminent association in
4 Illinois to provide continual training to Certified Shorthand
5 Reporters (CSRs), also known as court reporters, on
6 professionalism, neutrality, confidentiality, and ethics for
7 the benefit of all litigants, defendants, and the people of
8 this State; and

9 WHEREAS, Illinois court reporters are licensed CSRs who
10 diligently serve as Guardians of the Record, safeguarding
11 litigants' personal, private, confidential, and proprietary
12 information so that such information is not improperly
13 released to the public; and

14 WHEREAS, Using advanced technology, court reporters write
15 in shorthand, a simultaneous verbatim report of the spoken
16 word, in pretrial depositions and hearings, trials,
17 arbitrations, and sworn statements, which are the critical
18 foundation to the pursuit of justice in every legal
19 proceeding; and

20 WHEREAS, Illinois shorthand reporters and real-time
21 captioners provide Communication Access Realtime Translation
22 (CART) by captioning for attorneys, litigants, and jurors in

1 legal proceedings, at business meetings, at educational
2 classes and lectures, at sporting events, and at arts
3 performances for many Illinoisans who are deaf or
4 hard-of-hearing, have auditory processing disabilities, or for
5 whom English is not their first language; and

6 WHEREAS, Court reporters and captioners preserve history
7 for all Americans by translating spoken word into readable,
8 searchable, storable, and usable text and electronic media;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Illinois CSRs are licensed by the State as the
11 services provided by shorthand reporters and court reporters
12 have long been declared to affect the public health, safety,
13 and welfare of the people of Illinois; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare February 1
16 through February 8, 2025 as Court Reporting and Captioning
17 Week in the State of Illinois.