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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Public libraries serve as essential community
3 institutions that provide access to information, education,
4 and cultural resources to all residents; and

5 WHEREAS, The governance and oversight of public libraries
6 is entrusted to library trustees who play a critical role in
7 ensuring that libraries operate efficiently, equitably, and in
8 the best interests of the public; and

9 WHEREAS, Library trustees must navigate complex legal,
10 financial, and policy matters, including issues of
11 intellectual freedom, budgeting, and community engagement; and

12 WHEREAS, The Office of the Illinois Secretary of State
13 provides training and educational resources for library
14 trustees to enhance their knowledge of their responsibilities
15 and the best practices in library governance; and

16 WHEREAS, Continuing education and training for library
17 trustees is vital to maintaining strong and well-functioning
18 libraries that serve the diverse needs of Illinois residents;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge all public
2 library trustees to participate in ongoing training programs
3 provided by the Illinois Secretary of State to strengthen
4 their ability to effectively oversee library operations and
5 services; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That we encourage the Illinois Secretary of
7 State to expand and enhance library trustee training
8 opportunities, ensuring that all library board members have
9 access to comprehensive education on governance, ethics, and
10 policy matters; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
12 delivered to Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulis,
13 the Illinois State Library, and all public library boards in
14 the State of Illinois.