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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago
4 (RTAC) on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1926, RTAC has maintained
6 its mission of protecting retired Chicago Public School (CPS)
7 retirees' pensions and ancillary benefits, including access to
8 high quality health insurance through the Chicago Teachers
9 Pension Fund; and

10 WHEREAS, Beginning in 1972, RTAC secured representation on
11 the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) with a retiree
12 trustee, and the pioneer of that position, Edna Fanning, also
13 served as president of the association; today, there are three
14 retiree trustees serving on the CTPF; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1986, RTAC used a legacy gift from Ferol
16 Potter, a former association president, to establish the
17 Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund, which provides financial
18 assistance to retired CPS educators with modest pensions; and

19 WHEREAS, In the early 2000s, RTAC established an internet
20 website to provide timely e-alerts to its members in order to
21 foster legislative advocacy and address other significant

1 matters of concern regarding the well-being of retired CPS
2 educators; and

3 WHEREAS, Beginning in 2013, RTAC began offering
4 complimentary seminars for its members in the spring and fall
5 regarding taxation, health, legal issues, and other areas of
6 concern to retired CPS educators; and

7 WHEREAS, RTAC is also a proud charter member of the
8 National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA), which
9 successfully lobbied to secure the 1968 anti-age
10 discrimination legislation as well as to reverse the Windfall
11 Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset
12 (GPO) Social Security limitations imposed on public agency
13 retirees in 2025; and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout its existence, RTAC has continued to
15 advocate on behalf of retired CPS educators; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the
18 Retired Teachers Association of Chicago (RTAC) on achieving
19 100 years of service to retired Chicago Public School (CPS)
20 educators.