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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Court Reporters Association (ILCRA) provides leadership and information to the users of verbatim court reporting services and the public in Illinois regarding the special competency, importance, and value of the shorthand reporting system and the key role certified shorthand reporters play in the justice system in Illinois courts; and

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WHEREAS, Every day, stenographic realtime captioners in Illinois provide communication access for millions of people throughout the State and country who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, when the consumers of realtime captions are engaged in their business, educational, recreational, and personal lives; and

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WHEREAS, Court reporters capture testimony and communications at legal proceedings and official meetings by use of contemporaneous shorthand as the proceedings occur; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois court reporters are licensed Certified Shorthand Reporters (CSRs) who diligently serve as guardians of the record and provide verbatim transcripts of depositions, trials, hearings, and meetings; and

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WHEREAS, Court reporters in Illinois utilize digital

1 technology, including their sophisticated steno machines and  
2 computers, to instantly capture every spoken word in realtime  
3 shorthand and regularly create their shorthand notes from  
4 participants speaking in proceedings at speeds of between  
5 200-275 words per minute; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois CSRs produce the Official Record of  
7 Proceedings upon which Illinois courts, attorneys, and  
8 litigants can rely in the pursuit of protection of their  
9 rights and interests in the judicial system and are  
10 conscientious in protecting the private, proprietary, and  
11 confidential information that they hear and report for the  
12 users of their services; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare February  
15 5-12, 2022 as "Court Reporting and Captioning Week" in the  
16 State of Illinois; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the Illinois Court Reporters Association as a  
19 symbol of our respect and esteem.