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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Volunteering is a national effort focused on improving "communities" by utilizing the desire, commitment, and determination of individuals of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Volunteering was strongly expressed immediately after the 9/11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, illustrating care and compassion, pulling together, and helping each other, holding fast to our united beliefs that there truly is strength in freedoms; and

WHEREAS, Volunteering exemplifies that spirit by enlisting individuals and groups in working together to keep American strong and beautiful; and

WHEREAS, The mere act of volunteering to help a fellow American encourages others to lend a helping hand where there is need; and

WHEREAS, Illinois citizens cannot turn their eyes away from illiteracy, poverty, hunger, pollution, loneliness, exclusion, and abuse; and

WHEREAS, Illinois citizens can get a list of available volunteer projects within their geographic area through VolunteerMatch.com and other programs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we encourage all Illinois citizens to accept the challenge of improving their community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all Illinois citizens are encouraged to accept the challenge of making Illinois a great place to live by volunteering in their own community.