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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Chicago Tribune reported that the Brighton Park neighborhood is the most park-poor neighborhood in the City of Chicago; the community has one small neighborhood park, Kelly Park, which is the recreational focal point for all of its 48,000 residents; and

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WHEREAS, Kelly Park has received little money for improvements over the past 40 years; the renovation of Kelly Park is a fundamental step in the community's effort to address street violence and provide a safe environment for children and adults; and

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WHEREAS, The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council and the Kelly Park PAC have united to advocate for park improvements, renovations, and safety; and

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WHEREAS, The Chicago Park District has assigned a project manager to Kelly Park, who has drafted designs for the park; these proposed renovations include an artificial turf field, new playground equipment and benches, baseball diamonds, a proper drainage system, new sidewalks, and adequate lighting and cameras in all areas of the park; the cost of the renovations are estimated at \$2,800,000; therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Chicago  
3 Park District to prioritize in its capital plan the renovation  
4 of Kelly Park in the Brighton Park neighborhood of the 12th  
5 Ward of the City of Chicago by 2014; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 delivered to the Chicago Park District.