

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is the public policy of the State of Illinois
3 that all State employees are granted collective bargaining
4 rights as provided in Section 2 of the Illinois Public Labor
5 Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/2); and

6 WHEREAS, On October 19, 1995, the Illinois Supreme Court
7 in AOIC v. Teamsters 726 ruled that the Supreme Court is an
8 employer of court reporters but that the Illinois Public
9 Labor Relations Board could not assert jurisdiction over
10 employees of the Supreme Court; and

11 WHEREAS, Court reporters have been burdened with great
12 workloads as the result of a hiring freeze of Official Court
13 Reporters, resulting in injuries such as repetitive stress
14 and effecting the quality of their work and home lives; and

15 WHEREAS, A collective bargaining agent has petitioned the
16 Illinois Supreme Court on behalf of the court reporters of
17 the Circuit Courts of the State of Illinois to grant
18 voluntary recognition to its union; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that this body encourages
21 and calls upon the Illinois Supreme Court to allow court
22 reporters to enjoy the collective bargaining rights granted
23 to state employees by granting voluntary recognition to their
24 union, as the freely chosen collective bargaining
25 representative of the court reporters in the Circuit Courts
26 of the State of Illinois and further to bargain in good faith
27 with the union on behalf of these employees; and be it
28 further

29 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted
30 to the Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court.