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IN THE OFFICE OF
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 5 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 requires the State to provide pension benefits to members of State-sponsored retirement systems; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois sponsors a retirement plan on behalf of State teachers; and

WHEREAS, State teachers, retired teachers and their families rely on the security provided by pension benefits to meet their needs, including food, housing and healthcare after retirement; and

WHEREAS, it is the Teachers' Retirement System's (TRS) mission to provide its members with retirement, disability and survivor benefits; and

WHEREAS, pensions managed and administered by TRS are under-funded, and the General Assembly has yet to pass a Fiscal Year 2008 budget or any measures addressing such under-funding;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 95th General Assembly in a special session to commence on July 8, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., to consider any legislation, new or pending, which will address the funding of the Teachers' Retirement System of Illinois.

ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

Dated: July 6, 2007