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CHICAGO – Lt. Governor Sheila Simon will join Illinois higher education leaders tomorrow to support a pledge committing schools to implement policies that provide support for Illinois' 30,000 student veterans.

Leaders from more than 20 Illinois community colleges and universities, including City Colleges of Chicago, National-Louis University, Northeastern Illinois University and the University of Illinois will be in attendance at the University Club in Chicago and asked to sign the Valuing Veterans Pledge. The pledge declares a school's support for enhancing student veteran outreach and recognition, providing transition services, and establishing support policies and procedures. Simon said pledging to invest in Illinois' student veterans should be a priority of every citizen.

"As a state, we must ensure that our veterans, those who put their lives on the line to serve us, have access to the tools they need to succeed in school," said Simon, who is Governor Quinn's point person on education reform. "An investment in student veterans is an investment in the future of our economy."

The Valuing Veterans event is co-hosted by the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning, the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs and Student Veterans of America. Simon will be joined by David Hiller, the president and CEO of McCormick Foundation, Col. David Sutherland, a former Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Erica Borggren, director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs.

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TIME: 8:30 a.m. event start; 9:30 a.m. Lt. Governor's remarks

PLACE: University Club of Chicago, 76 E. Monroe, Chicago

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