ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS: In 1983 Northern Illinois University (NIU) built a Student Recreation Center to provide recreational opportunities for the campus community with an expansion occurring in 1995; and

WHEREAS: With the projected enrollment to be 27,500 by the year 2020, the dedicated indoor recreation space would be 4.55 sq. ft. per person; and

WHEREAS: The industry standard of indoor recreation square footage is 10 - 12 sq. ft. per person; and

WHEREAS: In a recent student survey conducted by Campus Recreation, 98% of respondents wanted to expand the cardio areas (combined percentages), 73% of respondents wanted to expand strength training areas (combined percentages), 48% of respondents wanted to add an indoor climbing wall, 38% of respondents want to add an aquatics area, 33% of respondents wanted to add activity courts, and 33% of respondents wanted to add specialty fitness studios; and

WHEREAS: In this survey it was determined that 57% of first year students reported that recreation facilities and programs were an important part of their college decision which refers to the role that Campus Recreation plays in the recruitment of students; and

WHEREAS: In this survey it was determined that 57% of returning students reported that recreation facilities and programs were an important part of staying enrolled at NIU which refers to the role that Campus Recreation plays in the retention of students; and

WHEREAS: In this survey 51% of student respondents reported that the facilities were too crowded which was the most common reason reported for not participating in recreation; and

WHEREAS: In this survey when combining facility related issues (too crowded, too spread out, too outdated, lack of quality, and not the right equipment), 79% of respondents indicated that facilities issues hindered their participation; and

WHEREAS: The Student Association Senate supports the university's efforts in assessing the feasibility of proceeding with a renovation and expansion of Campus Recreation's indoor facility that better addresses the needs of all campus community constituents including students, faculty, and staff; and

Therefore, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

The Student Association Senate also supports the university in fully conducting a comprehensive assessment of student, faculty, and staff recreational needs (both indoor and outdoor) and work with expert consultants to create a
long-term and sustainable campus recreation facility plan that meets the current and future needs of all campus community constituents including students, faculty and staff.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Chad Harris, Clerk of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the SEVENTH day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen.

James Zanayed, Speaker of the Senate