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President Cullerton  
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Today is a wonderful day and as much as I have enjoyed working with you and all of my fellow Senators I have decided to call it a day and retire from this wonderful institution. I hereby resign as the State Senator from the 5<sup>th</sup> District of the State of Illinois.

I appreciate my constituents and supporters and I pray that they will accept my decision and allow me to move on with my life. I thank them and you Mister President and I wish you God's grace.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rickey R. Hendon".  
Senator Rickey R. Hendon