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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On February 29, 2012, Midwest Generation
3 announced that it would retire its two Chicago power plants as
4 the result of an agreement with the City of Chicago and Mayor
5 Rahm Emanuel, which was reached in consultation with community
6 groups and aldermen; and

7 WHEREAS, Residents in communities neighboring these
8 facilities, including Pilsen and Little Village, have long been
9 concerned about the health impacts of emissions from these
10 facilities; and

11 WHEREAS, A broad and diverse coalition of community, labor,
12 health, faith, youth, and environmental organizations formed
13 the Chicago Clean Power Coalition to advocate for a resolution
14 to these concerns; and

15 WHEREAS, the Clean Power Coalition partners include the
16 following organizations: 8th Day Center for Justice, 49th Ward
17 Green Corps, Action Now, Aerotecture International Inc.,
18 American Renewable Energy & Power, LLC, American Medical
19 Student Association-UIC, Blacks in Green, Bridgeport Alliance,
20 Buddhist Peace Fellowship, CAPOW! Citizens Act to Protect Our
21 Water, Chicago Youth Climate Coalition, Citizen
22 Action/Illinois, Citizens Against Ruining the Environment,

1 Citizens Committee for a Clean Blue Island, Collective
2 Consciousness Movement, Consolidated Printing, David Weiner &
3 Associates, Design Makes Change, Doctors Council SEIU,
4 Eco-Justice Collaborative, Energy Action Coalition,
5 Environment Illinois, Environmental Law & Policy Center, Faith
6 in Place, Gaia Movement USA, Green Guy Solutions, Green
7 Sanctuary Group, Beverly Unitarian Church, Greenpeace, Growing
8 Station Community Garden, KenJiva Energy Systems, Illinois
9 Solar Energy Association, Illinois Student Environmental
10 Coalition, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization,
11 Loyola University's Student Environmental Alliance, Natural
12 Resources Defense Council, Nuclear Energy Information Service,
13 Oikos: The Religion and Environment Initiative, Peace
14 Productions, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Pilsen
15 Alliance, Pilsen Environmental Rights & Reform Organization,
16 Progressive Democrats of America, Protestants for the Common
17 Good, Rainforest Action Network Chicago, Ravenswood Community
18 Council, Resource Center, Respiratory Health Association of
19 Metropolitan Chicago, Sierra Club, Southeast Environmental
20 Task Force, Southsiders Organized for Unity and Liberation,
21 SolAir Works, Inc., SAIC Student Environmental Activism Group,
22 Students for a Just and Stable Future at the University of
23 Chicago, Team 15 United, Topless America, Union of Concerned
24 Scientists, Community Action Program at the UIC College of
25 Medicine, Urban Sustain, Wellington Avenue UCC, and Windy City
26 Green Power; and

1 WHEREAS, The timing of the decision to retire these
2 facilities, and the schedule for the retirement of these
3 facilities, was the result of a process initiated by Mayor
4 Emanuel on his first day in office; and

5 WHEREAS, Midwest Generation and the City of Chicago have
6 entered into an agreement finding that the timetable for the
7 retirement of these facilities achieves the objectives of the
8 proposed Chicago Clean Power Ordinance; and

9 WHEREAS, The closure of these facilities will put the
10 neighborhoods in which these facilities are located on a more
11 sustainable path to economic development; and

12 WHEREAS, The process undertaken by Midwest Generation and
13 the City of Chicago included community, public health, and
14 environmental groups, which agreed not pursue certain pending
15 litigation against Midwest Generation; and

16 WHEREAS, Once operations at these facilities cease,
17 Midwest Generation will maintain the facilities in a safe and
18 prudent manner as redevelopment opportunities and funding are
19 explored; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we recognize Mayor Rahm Emanuel, the
3 community residents and organizations of Pilsen and Little
4 Village in Chicago, the Chicago Clean Power Coalition, and
5 Midwest Generation for their work and leadership in reaching
6 the agreed resolution to retire coal-fired power plants at the
7 Fisk and Crawford stations in accordance with the goals and
8 objectives of the proposed Chicago Clean Power Ordinance; and
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we support the continued efforts to clean up
11 these facilities, to determine clean, new uses for these
12 facilities, and to transition these facilities to uses that
13 improve the quality of life in these communities; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That we urge the Governor and the agencies of the
16 State of Illinois to support efforts to retire these
17 facilities, to clean up these facilities, and to transition
18 these facilities into uses that improve the quality of life in
19 the communities in which they are located; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to the Governor, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, the Little
22 Village Environmental Justice Organization, the Pilsen
23 Alliance, the Pilsen Environmental Rights and Reform

1 Organization, and the members of the Chicago Clean Power
2 Coalition.