

## 1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Boeing Company has announced its decision to  
3 relocate its corporate headquarters from Seattle, where it  
4 has been located for 85 years; and

5 WHEREAS, In relocating its headquarters, the Boeing  
6 Company is seeking access to global markets, cultural  
7 diversity, and a strong, pro-business environment; and

8 WHEREAS, The Boeing Company has identified the Chicago  
9 metropolitan area as one of the 3 sites being considered for  
10 its new world headquarters; and

11 WHEREAS, The Boeing Company will be working with the  
12 Governor and the General Assembly through the Department of  
13 Commerce and Community Affairs; and

14 WHEREAS, The Chicago metropolitan area is the number one  
15 transportation hub in the United States, offering rail, air,  
16 and highway systems that criss-cross the nation and the  
17 world, with non-stop air service to 143 domestic destinations  
18 and 43 international destinations, offering access to growth  
19 opportunities around the globe; and

20 WHEREAS, The Chicago metropolitan area is home to 67  
21 Consuls General, 1,500 foreign-owned companies and hosts more  
22 trade shows with international participants than any other  
23 area of the country; and

24 WHEREAS, The Chicago metropolitan area's world-class  
25 cultural richness not only shows in its multifaceted  
26 recreational opportunities, but also in its well-educated  
27 workforce and high quality of life; and

28 WHEREAS, Illinois is home to 37 Fortune 500 companies,  
29 the Chicago Board of Trade, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange,  
30 the Chicago Board Options Exchange, the Midwest Stock

1 Exchange, and some of the world's greatest financial  
2 institutions; and

3 WHEREAS, The Chicago metropolitan area is home to 2 of  
4 the nation's best MBA programs at Northwestern University and  
5 the University of Chicago, and Illinois graduates more than  
6 3,400 engineering students from its universities annually;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The Chicago metropolitan area is a hotbed for  
9 research and development, with Argonne and Fermilab research  
10 labs, the I-88 Tech Corridor, Abbott Laboratories, Baxter  
11 International, Inc., Eli Lilly and Company, the Chicago Tech  
12 Park, the DuPage Research Park, and the Illinois Medical  
13 Center District, along with world-class institutions of  
14 learning; and

15 WHEREAS, Chicago was recently named the "third-best"  
16 business city in the country by Fortune magazine; and

17 WHEREAS, The Chicago metropolitan area is politically,  
18 culturally, and economically diverse making it a premier  
19 location for the Boeing Company's new world headquarters;  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF  
23 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, That we strongly support  
24 and encourage the Boeing Company to re-locate its corporate  
25 headquarters to the Chicago metropolitan area; and be it  
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That we urge the Department of Commerce and  
28 Community Affairs to help facilitate this re-location by  
29 aggressively assisting the Boeing Company in its relocation  
30 planning; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

1 delivered to the Governor and the Director of Commerce and  
2 Community Affairs.