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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE RESOLUTION 190

2 AMENDMENT NO. ____ . Amend Senate Resolution 190 by replacing
3 everything after the heading with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, Lake Michigan is the only Great Lake located
5 entirely in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, When measured by water surface, Lake Michigan is
7 the third largest of the Great Lakes; and

8 WHEREAS, Lake Michigan is the second largest of the Great
9 Lakes by volume; and

10 WHEREAS, Approximately 12 million people live along Lake
11 Michigan's shore, including the 2.7 million residents of the
12 City of Chicago; and

13 WHEREAS, Lake Michigan serves as a source of drinking

1 water, as a place for swimming and fishing, and as a scenic
2 wonderland; and

3 WHEREAS, Lake Michigan is a magnificent resource that
4 provides an essential home for all kinds of wildlife; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2008, Illinois, along with Indiana, Michigan,
6 Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin adopted
7 a compact banning diversions without concurrence of all
8 signatories, which President George W. Bush signed; and

9 WHEREAS, The declining water levels could negatively
10 impact industries such as commercial shipping, hydroelectric
11 power generation, and recreational boating and fishing, which
12 would hinder the economic growth of the region; and

13 WHEREAS, The Great Lakes are large bodies of water that
14 would not replenish easily; and

15 WHEREAS, Experts have already seen environmental changes
16 created by the diversion of water; the Great Lakes ice cover
17 has been decreasing, while air and water temperatures have been
18 rising, which clearly illustrates global climate change in the
19 region; and

20 WHEREAS, Removing water from this vital body of water sets

1 a bad precedent for the protection of this finite resource and
2 will put a strain on its water supply; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we strongly support the
5 Great Lakes Basin Compact and adamantly oppose any effort to
6 divert water from Lake Michigan, or the other Great Lakes, to
7 the southwestern states."