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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Properly-planted and cared-for trees provide  
3 communities throughout Illinois with great benefit and  
4 enjoyment; and

5 WHEREAS, Improper tree placement and maintenance are a  
6 contributing cause of power outage and pose a safety risk to  
7 residents; and

8 WHEREAS, Electric utilities in Illinois currently  
9 participate in 4-year vegetation management schedules to  
10 provide electric reliability to customers throughout the  
11 State; and

12 WHEREAS, Local governments and utilities have worked  
13 together on tree trimming and vegetation management programs  
14 that have balanced the need for electric reliability with the  
15 desire of communities to preserve as many trees as possible;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, There are existing programs that nurseries and  
18 other retailers may participate in that identify proper trees  
19 that may be planted near power lines; and

20 WHEREAS, The Arbor Day Foundation has worked with the

1 United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service's Urban  
2 and Community Forestry Advisory Council on the Right Tree in  
3 the Right Place project; and

4 WHEREAS, The City of Chicago's Bureau of Forestry, in  
5 cooperation with the United States Forest Service, conducts an  
6 outreach program for fourth-grade students within the Chicago  
7 Public Schools in recognition of Arbor Day on April 25, 2008,  
8 that emphasizes proper tree care, especially planting the right  
9 tree in the right place; and

10 WHEREAS, Arbor Day, which falls on the last Friday of  
11 April, is a nationally-celebrated observance that encourages  
12 tree planting and care; and

13 WHEREAS, Continued and improved cooperation between  
14 electric utilities and communities throughout Illinois will be  
15 required to protect both trees and electric reliability;  
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
19 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we recognize the week of Arbor Day as  
20 Right Tree Right Place Week and that we encourage communities  
21 and electric utilities throughout the State to use the week to  
22 review and improve their education and outreach efforts with

1 regards to proper tree placement; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to Lawrence A. DuBose.