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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, joined with a
9 broad and diverse coalition of community, labor, health, faith,
10 youth, and environmental organizations to form the Chicago
11 Clean Power Coalition to advocate for the eventual retirement
12 of these facilities as a part of a national transition to new
13 energy sources; and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, The timing of the decision to retire these

1 facilities, and the schedule for the retirement of these
2 facilities, was the result of a process initiated by Mayor
3 Emanuel; and

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

8 WHEREAS, The closure of these facilities will help the City
9 of Chicago and the State of Illinois achieve their clean air
10 goals; and

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

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

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
21 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we recognize Mayor Rahm Emanuel, the

1 community residents and organizations of Pilsen and Little
2 Village in Chicago, the Chicago Clean Power Coalition, and
3 Midwest Generation for their work and leadership in reaching
4 the agreed resolution to retire coal-fired power plants at the
5 Fisk and Crawford stations in accordance with the goals and
6 objectives of the proposed Chicago Clean Power Ordinance; and
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we support the ongoing efforts to determine
9 clean, new uses for these facilities and to transition these
10 facilities to uses that improve the quality of life in these
11 communities; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That we acknowledge that thousands of hard
13 working and dedicated men and women have worked at these
14 facilities since the early 1900's producing the electricity
15 that was essential to build the City of Chicago; and be it
16 further

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

22 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

1 presented to the Governor, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Midwest
2 Generation, the Little Village Environmental Justice
3 Organization, the Pilsen Alliance, the Pilsen Environmental
4 Rights and Reform Organization, and the members of the Chicago
5 Clean Power Coalition.