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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their support for the principle that the State of Illinois should continue to purchase, whenever possible and to the extent allowable by law, products made in the United States and the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois and its people are continuing their recovery from the Great Recession; those same Illinoisans are the taxpayers that provide the revenue needed to operate essential government services throughout the State; and

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WHEREAS, The members of this body continue to work towards spurring job creation and growing our State's economy for all Illinoisans who wish to work; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Jobs Now! program continues to provide jobs to Illinoisans and bring much needed improvement to our State's capital infrastructure, including our roads, bridges, and schools; and

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WHEREAS, The State's Enterprise Zone program keeps Illinois competitive by incentivizing job-creation and job-retention through tax credits and taxpayer dollars; and

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1           WHEREAS, Illinois taxpayer dollars should be spent to  
2 continue our State's recovery and strengthen the economic  
3 well-being of our communities; and

4           WHEREAS, The total budget for the State of Illinois is  
5 about \$70 billion; and

6           WHEREAS, Any State spending should, to the extent possible,  
7 include a commitment from the State and its departments and  
8 agencies to buy materials, goods, and services that are  
9 produced within the United States and the State of Illinois;  
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11           WHEREAS, A commitment to purchase materials, goods, and  
12 services that are produced within the United States and  
13 Illinois, to the extent possible, would bolster and assist  
14 those Illinoisans who pay taxes to the State by creating  
15 greater economic opportunity and growth throughout our State;  
16 such a commitment would also likely increase the benefit to our  
17 local communities and businesses through local revenue growth  
18 and job-creation; therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge all those who  
21 make purchases on behalf of the State of Illinois to buy

1 materials, goods, and services that are made in the United  
2 States and the State of Illinois, whenever and wherever  
3 possible, for the continued growth and betterment of the State.