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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The FutureGen 2.0 clean coal project uses  
3 innovative technology that captures carbon dioxide from a  
4 retrofitted central Illinois coal-fired power plant and  
5 permanently stores the carbon dioxide in secure geological  
6 strata, resulting in what will be one of the cleanest coal  
7 fired power plants in the nation; and

8           WHEREAS, The FutureGen 2.0 Project is a public-private  
9 partnership between the United States Department of Energy and  
10 the non-profit FutureGen Alliance; and

11           WHEREAS, The FutureGen 2.0 Project is expected to help  
12 ensure the long-term viability of Illinois Basin coal as a  
13 major energy source in Illinois and throughout the nation and  
14 represents a significant step in the State's efforts to become  
15 a self-sufficient clean energy producer; and

16           WHEREAS, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act  
17 appropriated more than \$1 billion in funding for advancing  
18 clean coal technologies and the FutureGen 2.0 Project; and

19           WHEREAS, The FutureGen 2.0 Project is an important coal  
20 development and conversion project that will create jobs in  
21 Illinois during the construction and operational phases,

1 contribute to the overall State economy, and help reinvigorate  
2 the Illinois Basin coal industry; and

3 WHEREAS, Major work has already begun on the FutureGen 2.0  
4 Project and air permits, water permits, carbon dioxide  
5 pipeline, and underground carbon dioxide storage permits have  
6 all been approved or are near finalization; halting funding for  
7 the project would result in job losses and waste more than \$200  
8 million in already spent public and private funds; and

9 WHEREAS, A June 2013 study by the University of Illinois at  
10 Urbana-Champaign found that the FutureGen 2.0 project will  
11 generate \$12 billion in economic activity for the State of  
12 Illinois, including \$7.3 billion in economic activity in Morgan  
13 County; and

14 WHEREAS, The FutureGen 2.0 project has vocal bipartisan  
15 support in the United States Senate from Illinois Senators  
16 Richard Durbin and Mark Kirk; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the United  
19 States Department of Energy to continue funding the FutureGen  
20 2.0 Project, as it is an important project that will help  
21 demonstrate an environmentally-preferred way to use coal to  
22 generate power and help guarantee the long-term viability of

1 Illinois Basin coal by demonstrating that it can be used to  
2 generate power with near zero carbon emissions; and be it  
3 further

4       RESOLVED, That we urge Congress and the members of the  
5 Illinois congressional delegation to continue to support the  
6 FutureGen 2.0 project and to extend the September 30, 2015  
7 deadline on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding for  
8 this important clean coal technology.