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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes the need for keeping Illinois waterways clean; whether it is a large or small body of water, whether rural, urban, or suburban, having clean waterways benefits public safety, public recreation, the economy, and the historical character of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The third Saturday of September is observed globally as "International Coastal Cleanup Day", coordinated by the Ocean Conservancy and promoted by various like-minded Illinois partner organizations; and

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WHEREAS, The coalition of Illinois Global Scholar stakeholders acts for the benefit of Illinois students and works to promote Public Act 099-0780; it partners with organizations to ensure the protection, restoration, and health of Illinois waterways; and

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WHEREAS, Service learning promotes effective student growth opportunities; a statewide coordinated day of action facilitates active citizen engagement, particularly focusing on active student engagement in learning and effective environmental improvement through trash collection, data collection, and data analysis; and

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1           WHEREAS, To coordinate with the International Coastal  
2 Cleanup Day effort, partner organizations and schools across  
3 Illinois will facilitate the opportunity for Illinois student  
4 participant groups to partner with other student participant  
5 groups in different countries, providing Illinois students  
6 with the opportunity to communicate and collaborate globally,  
7 discussing and sharing their efforts and findings; therefore,  
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9           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
11 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare September 16, 2017 as  
12 "Illinois Waterway Cleanup Day" in the State of Illinois.