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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Peabody Energy, the world's largest coal company, strives to provide energy security, economic growth, and environmental solutions for citizens of the State of Illinois and the world; and

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WHEREAS, Peabody has been a worldwide leader in safety; and

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WHEREAS, Peabody is the most recognized company among its peers for sustainability and corporate responsibility; and

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WHEREAS, Peabody is a global leader in advancing new, environmentally responsible uses for clean coal; and

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WHEREAS, Peabody creates thousands of skilled jobs and billions of dollars in annual economic benefits in communities it serves through good environmental stewardship, community involvement, and corporate contributions; and

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WHEREAS, Francis Peabody founded Peabody Energy in Chicago, opened the company's first mines in Williamson County, and partnered with Commonwealth Edison founder Samuel Insull to create the Illinois electricity grid and bring power to millions of Midwesterners; and

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1 WHEREAS, Francis Peabody's Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak
2 Brook attracts thousands of visitors to the State and is listed
3 on the National Register of Historic Places; and

4 WHEREAS, Peabody is helping drive the next generation of
5 clean coal projects such as the Prairie State Energy Campus in
6 Southern Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Peabody is a recognized leader of the S&P 500 and
8 has been repeatedly named among Fortune Magazine's "Most
9 Admired Companies"; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 designate the date of May 29, 2008 as Peabody Energy 125th
13 Anniversary Celebration Day in the State of Illinois; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the Peabody Energy Corporation as a symbol of our
17 esteem and respect.