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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Reducing our carbon footprint is a priority for the people of Illinois; the need to reduce the use of fossil fuels is an ever-increasing reality and is an achievable goal, not only for the citizens of Illinois today but also for the generations going forward; and

WHEREAS, Solar and wind are viable sources that can make the goal possible; however, Illinois should also focus on what can be done with our present infrastructure to achieve the goal of a zero-carbon footprint and to ensure that new technology savings are optimized; and

WHEREAS, Upgrading and insulating mechanical systems is a long-term cost savings system used in construction and is an often-overlooked way to greatly reduce the carbon emissions from projects; and

WHEREAS, Mechanical insulation helps the system to perform its function of heating or cooling using as little energy as necessary; more insulation on the mechanical system means less energy is needed for the system to perform at its optimal functions; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

- 1 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 2 we urge all government entities to consider, in all their
- 3 buildings, updating insulation for mechanical systems or
- 4 insulating non-insulated mechanical systems in order to lower
- 5 energy costs, save taxpayer money, and reduce carbon emissions
- 6 in total; and be it further
- 7 RESOLVED, That all State agencies consider insulating the
- 8 hydronic pipes of new and current public buildings to reduce
- 9 energy use and cost using an insulation thickness standard
- 10 that is reflective of the 2018 International Energy
- 11 Conservation Code.