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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 72

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Joint Resolution 72 by
3 replacing line 2 on page 1 through line 2 on page 5 with the
4 following:

5 "WHEREAS, On February 29, 2012, Midwest Generation
6 announced that it would retire its two Chicago power plants as
7 the result of an agreement with the City of Chicago and Mayor
8 Rahm Emanuel, which was reached in consultation with community
9 groups and aldermen; and

10 WHEREAS, Residents in communities neighboring these
11 facilities, including Pilsen and Little Village, joined with a
12 broad and diverse coalition of community, labor, health, faith,
13 youth, and environmental organizations to form the Chicago
14 Clean Power Coalition to advocate for the eventual retirement
15 of these facilities as a part of a national transition to new
16 energy sources; and

1 WHEREAS, the Clean Power Coalition partners include the
2 following organizations: 8th Day Center for Justice, 49th Ward
3 Green Corps, Action Now, Aerotecture International Inc.,
4 American Renewable Energy & Power, LLC, American Medical
5 Student Association-UIC, Blacks in Green, Bridgeport Alliance,
6 Buddhist Peace Fellowship, CAPOW! Citizens Act to Protect Our
7 Water, Chicago Youth Climate Coalition, Citizen
8 Action/Illinois, Citizens Against Ruining the Environment,
9 Citizens Committee for a Clean Blue Island, Collective
10 Consciousness Movement, Consolidated Printing, David Weiner &
11 Associates, Design Makes Change, Doctors Council SEIU,
12 Eco-Justice Collaborative, Energy Action Coalition,
13 Environment Illinois, Environmental Law & Policy Center, Faith
14 in Place, Gaia Movement USA, Green Guy Solutions, Green
15 Sanctuary Group, Beverly Unitarian Church, Greenpeace, Growing
16 Station Community Garden, KenJiva Energy Systems, Illinois
17 Solar Energy Association, Illinois Student Environmental
18 Coalition, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization,
19 Loyola University's Student Environmental Alliance, Natural
20 Resources Defense Council, Nuclear Energy Information Service,
21 Oikos: The Religion and Environment Initiative, Peace
22 Productions, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Pilsen
23 Alliance, Pilsen Environmental Rights & Reform Organization,
24 Progressive Democrats of America, Protestants for the Common
25 Good, Rainforest Action Network Chicago, Ravenswood Community

1 Council, Resource Center, Respiratory Health Association of
2 Metropolitan Chicago, Sierra Club, Southeast Environmental
3 Task Force, Southsiders Organized for Unity and Liberation,
4 SolAir Works, Inc., SAIC Student Environmental Activism Group,
5 Students for a Just and Stable Future at the University of
6 Chicago, Team 15 United, Topless America, Union of Concerned
7 Scientists, Community Action Program at the UIC College of
8 Medicine, Urban Sustain, Wellington Avenue UCC, and Windy City
9 Green Power; and

10 WHEREAS, The timing of the decision to retire these
11 facilities, and the schedule for the retirement of these
12 facilities, was the result of a process initiated by Mayor
13 Emanuel; and

14 WHEREAS, Midwest Generation and the City of Chicago have
15 entered into an agreement finding that the timetable for the
16 retirement of these facilities achieves the objectives of the
17 proposed Chicago Clean Power Ordinance; and

18 WHEREAS, The closure of these facilities will help the City
19 of Chicago and the State of Illinois achieve their clean air
20 goals; and

21 WHEREAS, The process undertaken by Midwest Generation and
22 the City of Chicago included community, public health, and

1 environmental groups, which agreed not pursue certain pending
2 litigation against Midwest Generation; and

3 WHEREAS, Once operations at these facilities cease,
4 Midwest Generation will maintain the facilities in a safe and
5 prudent manner as redevelopment opportunities and funding are
6 explored; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we recognize Mayor Rahm Emanuel, the
10 community residents and organizations of Pilsen and Little
11 Village in Chicago, the Chicago Clean Power Coalition, and
12 Midwest Generation for their work and leadership in reaching
13 the agreed resolution to retire coal-fired power plants at the
14 Fisk and Crawford stations in accordance with the goals and
15 objectives of the proposed Chicago Clean Power Ordinance; and
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That we support the ongoing efforts to determine
18 clean, new uses for these facilities, and to transition these
19 facilities to uses that improve the quality of life in these
20 communities; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That we acknowledge that thousands of hard
22 working and dedicated men and women have worked at these

1 facilities since the early 1900's producing the electricity
2 that was essential to build the City of Chicago; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That we urge the Governor and the agencies of the
5 State of Illinois to support efforts to retire these
6 facilities, to clean up these facilities, and to transition
7 these facilities into uses that improve the quality of life in
8 the communities in which they are located; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
10 presented to the Governor, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Midwest
11 Generation, the Little Village Environmental Justice
12 Organization, the Pilsen Alliance, the Pilsen Environmental
13 Rights and Reform Organization, and the members of the Chicago
14 Clean Power Coalition.".