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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Energy has  
3 announced its intentions to issue a Funding Opportunity  
4 Announcement for the management and operation of an Energy  
5 Storage Hub, estimated to be funded at \$20 million per year for  
6 5 years; Congress has appropriated \$20 million in FY 2012 to  
7 initially fund the Hub; and

8 WHEREAS, The Energy Storage Hub will bring together  
9 world-class research talent to focus on the grand challenges of  
10 energy storage, finding new green, cost-effective ways to store  
11 energy from renewable resources, and leverage smart grid  
12 investments; and

13 WHEREAS, The educational benefit for the faculty and  
14 students of Illinois universities and staff from Illinois  
15 companies will gain much from the proximity of the Hub in  
16 Illinois in developing collaborations for research in chemical  
17 technologies and materials science; and

18 WHEREAS, The siting of the Energy Storage Hub in Illinois  
19 will help speed the pace of innovation in this critical new  
20 industry and will position Illinois as a national leader in  
21 green energy technologies and job creation; and

1           WHEREAS, Scientists and engineers at Argonne National  
2           Laboratory, Northwestern University, the University of  
3           Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,  
4           along with their partners, have already laid the conceptual  
5           groundwork for the operation for the Energy Storage Hub; and

6           WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a proven record of  
7           support for Argonne and Illinois universities for projects such  
8           as the Energy Storage Hub; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
10          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
11          CONCURRING HEREIN, that we pledge our support for Argonne  
12          National Laboratory and its bid to be the home of the Energy  
13          Storage Hub, and state our intention to provide support as  
14          necessary in order for the Hub to be located at Argonne; and be  
15          it further

16          RESOLVED, That we strongly encourage the United States  
17          Department of Energy to consider Argonne and the Illinois  
18          university in light of their expertise and experience with the  
19          concepts and operation of the Energy Storage Hub, which make  
20          the State of Illinois a natural fit for the location of these  
21          exciting new technologies with the potential to improve quality  
22          of life and create new jobs; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 delivered to President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe  
3 Biden, Secretary Steven Chu of the U.S. Department of Energy,  
4 the members of the Illinois congressional delegation, and  
5 Governor Pat Quinn.