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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The State of Illinois economy is recovering and  
3 our State continues to search for innovative methods of  
4 balancing our budget, spurring our economy, and growing our  
5 State's workforce and business opportunities and these goals  
6 are not mutually exclusive; and

7           WHEREAS, Illinois offers multiple economic incentive  
8 programs, grants, and tax incentives created by statute and in  
9 part administered by the Department of Commerce and Economic  
10 Opportunity and the Department of Revenue; and

11           WHEREAS, An analysis of the effectiveness and fairness and  
12 uniformity and predictability of each of these programs,  
13 grants, and incentives is necessary and currently is underway  
14 by this General Assembly; and

15           WHEREAS, The State of Illinois continues to search for  
16 solutions and incentives to bring new jobs to our State while  
17 still balancing the need for predictable State revenue, a  
18 redesigned revenue code, and continued recovery; and

19           WHEREAS, The General Assembly should articulate the type of  
20 new jobs and new industries we want to come to Illinois and  
21 take action to bring those jobs to our fine State; and

1           WHEREAS, We should encourage jobs that will lift our  
2 citizens' standard of living; jobs consistent with our role as  
3 stewards of our environment; jobs that boost our citizens  
4 wages; jobs that keep our best and brightest home in Illinois  
5 after earning their degrees; and attract jobs in industries  
6 that are rapidly growing and are the industries of the future;  
7 jobs that significantly expand our tax base and not reduce  
8 revenue; and

9           WHEREAS, The General Assembly should put parameters and  
10 guidelines on these goals for future incentive programs;  
11 therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
14 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we must continue to remain a  
15 competitive workforce and an ideal State to bring new industry  
16 and new jobs in this recovering economy; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That we should design and create incentive  
18 programs that attract growth industries which include the  
19 industries and jobs of the future whether they be  
20 technology-based or otherwise but that they expand at least  
21 twice the rate of the State's Gross domestic product; and be it  
22 further

1           RESOLVED, That we create incentive programs that attract  
2 jobs smart for Illinois, including jobs that spur growth in  
3 multiple industries; that the new jobs take advantage of our  
4 graduates from Illinois institutions of higher education and  
5 keep them in Illinois; that the jobs are truly portable in that  
6 the jobs could have been established in other states or other  
7 countries but for the incentive program; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the jobs provide good wages and benefits for  
9 Illinoisans in that they pay over 250% of the federal poverty  
10 level, provide a safe work environment, and are not temporary  
11 in that their average duration exceeds one year of employment;  
12 and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That the jobs enhance our citizens standard of  
14 living and due to the level of pay and length of employment in  
15 comparison to the incentive provided will serve to expand our  
16 revenue base rather than contract our revenue base; and be it  
17 further

18           RESOLVED, That the design of our statutory incentive  
19 programs should generate at least 2 dollars of investment in  
20 our State for every dollar of incentive provided, be  
21 administered by the Department of Commerce and Economic  
22 Opportunity based on recognized standards and benchmarks, and

1 account for enhanced incentives for jobs or spending in  
2 economically depressed areas of our State.