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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes the need for
3 keeping Illinois waterways clean; whether it is a large or
4 small body of water, whether rural, urban, or suburban, having
5 clean waterways benefits public safety, public recreation, the
6 economy, and the historical character of Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, The third Saturday of September is observed
8 globally as "International Coastal Cleanup Day", coordinated
9 by the Ocean Conservancy and promoted by various like-minded
10 Illinois partner organizations; and

11 WHEREAS, The coalition of Illinois Global Scholar
12 stakeholders acts for the benefit of Illinois students and
13 works to promote Public Act 099-0780; it partners with
14 organizations to ensure the protection, restoration, and
15 health of Illinois waterways; and

16 WHEREAS, Service learning promotes effective student
17 growth opportunities; a statewide coordinated day of action
18 facilitates active citizen engagement, particularly focusing
19 on active student engagement in learning and effective
20 environmental improvement through trash collection, data
21 collection, and data analysis; and

1 WHEREAS, To coordinate with the International Coastal
2 Cleanup Day effort, partner organizations and schools across
3 Illinois will facilitate the opportunity for Illinois student
4 participant groups to partner with other student participant
5 groups in different countries, providing Illinois students
6 with the opportunity to communicate and collaborate globally,
7 discussing and sharing their efforts and findings; therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare September 10-16, 2017 as
12 "Illinois Waterway Cleanup Week" in the State of Illinois.