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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Lake Michigan is the only Great Lake located  
3 entirely in the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, When measured by water surface, Lake Michigan is  
5 the third largest of the Great Lakes; and

6 WHEREAS, Lake Michigan is the second largest of the Great  
7 Lakes by volume; and

8 WHEREAS, Approximately 12 million people live along Lake  
9 Michigan's shore, including the 2.7 million residents of the  
10 City of Chicago; and

11 WHEREAS, Lake Michigan serves as a source of drinking  
12 water, as a place for swimming and fishing, and as a scenic  
13 wonderland; and

14 WHEREAS, Lake Michigan is a magnificent resource that  
15 provides an essential home for all kinds of wildlife; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2008, Illinois, along with Indiana, Michigan,  
17 Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin adopted  
18 a compact banning diversions without concurrence of all  
19 signatories, which President George W. Bush signed; and

1           WHEREAS, Diverting water from Lake Michigan out of the  
2 Great Lakes Basin would be exorbitant in cost, inefficient, and  
3 dangerous; and

4           WHEREAS, The declining water levels could negatively  
5 impact industries such as commercial shipping, hydroelectric  
6 power generation, and recreational boating and fishing, which  
7 would hinder the economic growth of the region; and

8           WHEREAS, The Great Lakes are large bodies of water that  
9 would not replenish easily; and

10          WHEREAS, Experts have already seen environmental changes  
11 created by the diversion of water; the Great Lakes ice cover  
12 has been decreasing, while air and water temperatures have been  
13 rising, which clearly illustrates global climate change in the  
14 region; and

15          WHEREAS, Removing water from this vital body of water sets  
16 a bad precedent for the protection of this finite resource and  
17 will put a strain on its water supply; therefore, be it

18          RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we adamantly oppose any  
20 effort to divert water from Lake Michigan, or the other Great

1 Lakes, to outside of the Great Lakes Basin; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That we strongly support the Great Lakes Basin  
3 Compact.