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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Power generation companies have invested billions of dollars in Illinois to make the state the fifth largest generation state in the country; and

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WHEREAS, Unlike California and other States in the Union, Illinois is a net exporter of electricity in the Midwest region; and

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WHEREAS, The power industry supports more than 285,000 jobs in Illinois; 103,000 of those jobs are direct high paying jobs that run the power plants 24 hours a day; many if not most of the jobs are union jobs that pay twice the national median salary; and

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WHEREAS, The electric power industry accounts for five percent of the Illinois economy, with the industry and its workers accounting for at least \$3.7 billion in taxes in every community in the State; these taxes keep property taxes low in the counties that contain power generation assets; and

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WHEREAS, The electric power industry runs plants that keep Illinois electric power reliable and effective; therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we strongly support
3 the electric industry in Illinois and stand behind the men and
4 women who operate the electric plants every day and keep the
5 lights on for Illinois citizens; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, We support keeping Illinois an exporter of power
7 in the Midwest, therefore not relying on other state
8 legislatures for our power; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we support public policy for reliable and
10 moderately priced electric power that will keep large electric
11 power plants operating well into the foreseeable future; and
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent
14 to the Governor and to the Speaker of the House.