



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Presently, only half a percent of energy in  
3 Illinois comes from renewable resources, while a staggering 45%  
4 comes from coal; and

5 WHEREAS, Coal in the State of Illinois is high in sulfur,  
6 which causes a higher amount of air pollution, in turn causing  
7 a problem for asthma sufferers and for people with health  
8 related breathing problems; and

9 WHEREAS, As evidenced by recent events in the coal mines of  
10 West Virginia, the risk to coal miners in the State of Illinois  
11 is greater than ever; and

12 WHEREAS, Fossil fuels such as coal are going to continue to  
13 be more expensive to convert to energy, will continue to  
14 produce adverse effects on the environment and the health of  
15 our citizens, and will someday run out; and

16 WHEREAS, Solar power and wind power are both renewable  
17 energy, and are safe to both the environment and people; and

18 WHEREAS, Renewable energy is a long-term solution to the  
19 energy crisis in the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, With rising energy costs affecting the citizens of  
21 the State of Illinois, renewable energy is a cost-efficient  
22 alternative to coal and other fossil fuels; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
24 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
25 we urge the Illinois Commerce Commission to propose at least  
26 three all new programs that will increase the percentage of the  
27 energy that is created in the State of Illinois from renewable  
28 wind, solar, and hydroelectric resources and report these

1 proposals to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1,  
2 2007; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
4 presented to the Director of the Illinois Commerce Commission  
5 and Governor Blagojevich.