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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Peabody Energy, the world's largest coal company,  
3 strives to provide energy security, economic growth, and  
4 environmental solutions for citizens of the State of Illinois  
5 and the world; and

6 WHEREAS, Peabody has been a worldwide leader in safety; and

7 WHEREAS, Peabody is the most recognized company among its  
8 peers for sustainability and corporate responsibility; and

9 WHEREAS, Peabody is a global leader in advancing new,  
10 environmentally responsible uses for clean coal; and

11 WHEREAS, Peabody creates thousands of skilled jobs and  
12 billions of dollars in annual economic benefits in communities  
13 it serves through good environmental stewardship, community  
14 involvement, and corporate contributions; and

15 WHEREAS, Francis Peabody founded Peabody Energy in  
16 Chicago, opened the company's first mines in Williamson County,  
17 and partnered with Commonwealth Edison founder Samuel Insull to  
18 create the Illinois electricity grid and bring power to  
19 millions of Midwesterners; and

1           WHEREAS, Francis Peabody's Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak  
2 Brook attracts thousands of visitors to the State and is listed  
3 on the National Register of Historic Places; and

4           WHEREAS, Peabody is helping drive the next generation of  
5 clean coal projects such as the Prairie State Energy Campus in  
6 Southern Illinois; and

7           WHEREAS, Peabody is a recognized leader of the S&P 500 and  
8 has been repeatedly named among Fortune Magazine's "Most  
9 Admired Companies"; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the date  
12 of May 29, 2008 as Peabody Energy 125th Anniversary Celebration  
13 Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

14           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the Peabody Energy Corporation as a symbol of our  
16 esteem and respect.