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1                                    AMENDMENT TO SENATE RESOLUTION 1753

2            AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_ . Amend Senate Resolution 1753 by  
3 replacing everything after the heading with the following:

4            "WHEREAS, Good jobs are the foundation of a strong economy  
5 and a thriving society where the American Dream is within  
6 reach, the dignity of work is honored, families are nurtured,  
7 and communities can flourish; and

8            WHEREAS, For many decades, the Nabisco plant (now owned by  
9 Mondelez International) on Chicago's Southwest Side has  
10 provided hundreds of jobs that have sustained working-class  
11 families and helped them to buy homes, educate their children,  
12 and give back to their communities, all while contributing to  
13 the success of its products and shareholders; and

14            WHEREAS, In 1993, in recognition of the plant's importance  
15 to the Illinois economy, its then-owner, Nabisco Biscuit

1 Company, was awarded State and city tax credits in excess of  
2 \$90 million as an incentive to stay in Chicago; as recently as  
3 2013, Mondelez received a State EDGE tax credit conditional on  
4 the creation of 25 new jobs at its Naperville facility; and

5 WHEREAS, Mondelez did not meet the job creation criteria in  
6 Naperville and was unable to utilize its EDGE tax credit;  
7 meanwhile, the company prepared to eliminate 600 jobs - half of  
8 the workforce - at the Southwest Side Oreo plant and relocate  
9 much of its production to Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, Other EDGE beneficiaries were able to create or  
11 retain jobs at one Illinois location while moving many more  
12 positions out of the State from another location, thus avoiding  
13 their job creation and retention obligations and seriously  
14 undermining the core purpose of using public funds for economic  
15 development incentives; and

16 WHEREAS, Under Governor Bruce Rauner, the Department of  
17 Commerce and Economic Development has adopted a new policy  
18 whereby multiple facilities operated by EDGE recipients will no  
19 longer be considered separate entities, so corporations  
20 receiving tax credits cannot play a shell game with layoffs at  
21 taxpayer expense; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commend the Rauner  
2 administration for closing the EDGE credit loophole and urge  
3 the Governor and the Department of Commerce and Economic  
4 Development to continue working with the General Assembly to  
5 tighten accountability in all corporate incentive programs,  
6 ensuring taxpayers dollars are used to create good-paying jobs  
7 that sustain families and communities for the long term; and be  
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That we urge Mondelez International to  
10 reconsider its decision to move production lines out of Chicago  
11 and out of the United States, and instead to work fairly and in  
12 good faith with its loyal employees, the unions that represent  
13 those employees, and the State of Illinois in order to keep  
14 Oreos American-made and continue to invest in its human capital  
15 in a city that has supported the success of its products for  
16 many decades; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
18 delivered to Governor Rauner, DCEO Acting Director Sean  
19 McCarthy, and Mondelez International Chief Executive Officer  
20 Irene Rosenfeld."