

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In order to secure a safe and prosperous future  
3 for its citizens, the State of Illinois must maintain a broad  
4 portfolio of energy supply options to hedge against fuel  
5 price fluctuations, fuel shortages, and import disruptions;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Illinois' 11 nuclear power plants have proven to  
8 be safe, dependable, economic, and environmentally benign  
9 sources of electricity to Illinois' citizens and businesses,  
10 producing nearly 50 percent of the electricity generated in  
11 Illinois today; and

12 WHEREAS, Nuclear power requires minimal land intrusion,  
13 and prevents the release of millions of tons of air  
14 pollutants and greenhouse gases, thus being critical for  
15 compliance with air quality laws and regulations; and

16 WHEREAS, Over \$7 billion have been spent on studies of  
17 Yucca Mountain, Nevada, that show that the proposed site is  
18 an ideal repository to safely contain radioactive materials,  
19 with a capacity sufficient to meet all foreseeable storage  
20 needs; and

21 WHEREAS, Studies of Yucca Mountain have yielded the  
22 scientific information necessary for a decision by the United  
23 States Secretary of Energy that there are no technical or  
24 scientific issues that will prevent Yucca Mountain from  
25 serving as a permanent repository, clearly supporting the  
26 recommendation by the Secretary to the President of the  
27 United States to proceed on licensing a permanent repository  
28 at Yucca Mountain; and

29 WHEREAS, Since 1983, consumers of electricity from  
30 Illinois' existing nuclear plants have committed over \$2.4  
31 billion to the federal Nuclear Waste Fund to finance site

1 assessment and nuclear waste management; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the members of the  
4 Senate have determined that nuclear energy is a necessary  
5 source of electricity generation, with no detrimental impact  
6 on its citizens and environment; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Senate urges the Congress of  
8 the United States to sustain the President's affirmative  
9 decision on Yucca Mountain's suitability as a permanent  
10 federal repository for high-level radioactive materials; and  
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to  
13 the President and Vice President of the United States, the  
14 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
15 United States House of Representatives, all members of the  
16 Illinois congressional delegation, and to the United States  
17 Secretary of Energy.