SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

WHEREAS, Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, by proclamation, has convened the Ninety-fifth General Assembly of the State of Missouri into the First Extraordinary Session of the Second Regular Session; and

WHEREAS, the call of the extraordinary session specifically includes establishing an economic development program designed to support and strengthen the automobile manufacturing and supplier industry through the providing of benefits in the form of retained withholding taxes for qualifying jobs at automobile manufacturing facilities and their suppliers; and

WHEREAS, the call of the extra session also specifically includes modernizing various aspects of the state employee retirement system by requiring employee contributions and changing retirement eligibility and employee options for employees hired after January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, during the Second Regular Session of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, legislation was considered that would have provided key economic development incentives by providing state and local sales and use tax exemptions for all machinery, equipment, computers, electrical energy, gas, water and other utilities including telecommunication services used in new data storage centers and server farm facilities; and

WHEREAS, Missouri needs to attract and expand quality jobs in the technology sector; and

WHEREAS, companies providing data storage centers and server farm facilities have and are considering the expansion and development of data storage centers and server farm facilities in the state of Missouri:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-fifth General Assembly, First Extraordinary Session, hereby urge the Governor to expand the call of the Extraordinary Session to include legislation to provide economic incentives for the expansion and development of electronic data storage centers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon.

