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7 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE STATE OF ARKANSAS
9 IN THEIR POLICIES WILL SUPPORT THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON
10 SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER AND THE 1990
11 CLEAN AIR ACT AS A PRACTICAL EFFICIENT WAY OF REDUCING
12 CFC'S AND PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT.

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14 WHEREAS, worldwide emissions of certain substances can significantly
15 deplete the ozone layer in a manner that is likely to result in adverse
16 effects on human health and the environment, and

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18 WHEREAS, fully halogenated CFC's and halons threaten the stratospheric
19 ozone, and

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21 WHEREAS, the Montreal Protocol has been ratified by more than 60 nations
22 representing greater than 90% of world use of CFC's and halons, and

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24 WHEREAS, the Montreal Protocol calls for a phase out of CFC's in
25 developed countries by the year 2000, and

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27 WHEREAS, the United States has ratified the Montreal Protocol and passed
28 the 1990 Clean Air Act, and

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30 WHEREAS, the 1990 Clean Air Act will further regulate CFC's and halons
31 and require EPA to implement a more stringent phase out schedule for CFC's,
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34 WHEREAS, CFC's are widely used and currently essential in some products,
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WHEREAS, the industry is working on alternatives to CFC's, and

WHEREAS, premature substitution could result in the use of unsafe or environmentally harmful substitutes, and

WHEREAS, accelerating the elimination of CFC's without providing commercially viable substitutes could cause unnecessary economic disruption including business failures and job loss, and

WHEREAS, in many cases, substitutes will require redesigning processes and equipment, and

WHEREAS, protection of stratospheric ozone is a global concern which requires international cooperation, and

WHEREAS, Arkansas supports the current efforts to phase out CFC's and substitute viable safe alternatives.

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Arkansas General Assembly and the State of Arkansas in their policies will support the Montreal Protocol and the 1990 Clean Air Act as a practical efficient method of reducing CFC's and protecting our environment.

