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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION REGARDING TRANSITIONAL CLIMATE  
CHANGE POLICY.

**Subtitle**

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WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Arkansas General Assembly that the issue of global climate change presents a challenge to the welfare and economy of current and future generations in Arkansas and around the world; and

WHEREAS, any approach to address the issue of global climate change should encourage a transition toward a sustainable economy in a fair, equitable, balanced, and timely manner such that Arkansas remains competitive in the national and international economy; and

WHEREAS, efforts are underway at the international, national, state, and local levels to develop meaningful and effective policies to control emissions of greenhouse gases and to reduce the level of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere on a worldwide basis; and

WHEREAS, because the United States consumes a disproportionate share of



1 the world's energy supply and the greenhouse gas emissions of developing  
2 countries are rising rapidly, the United States, as a world economic leader,  
3 should meet with other industrialized and industrializing nations to  
4 negotiate mutually beneficial positions in future climate treaties; and  
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6 WHEREAS, any system designed to regulate greenhouse gas emissions  
7 should be evaluated on its ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and its  
8 potential economic impact; and  
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10 WHEREAS, mutual reductions in greenhouse gas emissions would be  
11 economically beneficial to all states and countries; and  
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13 WHEREAS, a number of leading Arkansas industries have been early  
14 adopters of energy efficient technologies and practices; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Governor's Commission on Global Warming has  
17 recognized the role of national legislation and coordination in reducing  
18 greenhouse gas emissions,  
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20 NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
22 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:  
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24 That it is the sense of the Arkansas General Assembly that global  
25 climate change is a local, state, national, and international issue and any  
26 action taken by the Congress of the United States of America to address the  
27 issue of global climate change and to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases  
28 should be undertaken in an efficient, balanced, and coordinated manner that:

29 (1) Promotes U.S. jobs and a sustainable economy marked by high  
30 paying jobs, through policies that include increased technology investments  
31 and reduced dependency on imported energy;

32 (2) Provides a level playing field for economic development and  
33 trade among the states and among the nations of the world;

34 (3) Provides U.S. citizens and industries with a reliable and  
35 diverse energy supply at affordable prices;

36 (4) Rewards early adopters of practices and technologies that

1 are more energy efficient and less carbon-intensive;

2 (5) Prevents the loss or migration of industrial and  
3 manufacturing production and commercial activity to nations and economies  
4 that are less energy efficient;

5 (6) Champions the global competitiveness of U.S. industries; and

6 (7) Encourages U.S. innovation.

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the State of Arkansas and the Arkansas General  
9 Assembly should recognize and promote the foregoing policy objectives on a  
10 state level.

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