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7 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 FOR A STUDY OF LIGNITE AND THE FUNDING OF LIGNITE
9 RESEARCH.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 FOR A STUDY OF LIGNITE AND THE FUNDING OF
14 LIGNITE RESEARCH.

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17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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20 WHEREAS, the state has an abundance of lignite, a soft brown fuel with
21 characteristics similar to coal; and

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23 WHEREAS, lignite has many potential uses, including without limitation
24 being made into synthetic crude oil for transportation fuel, fuel for
25 generating electricity, and synthetic natural gas; and

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27 WHEREAS, lignite byproducts have potential value; and

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29 WHEREAS, the mining of lignite would have a positive economic impact on
30 this state and create new jobs; and

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32 WHEREAS, the use of lignite would encourage energy independence; and

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34 WHEREAS, research is needed to maintain a viable lignite industry and
35 to enhance development of lignite uses; and

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1 WHEREAS, lignite research needs funding,

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3 NOW THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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7 That the Joint Committee on Energy is requested to make a study of
8 lignite and to fund research to maintain a viable lignite industry in this
9 state and to enhance development of lignite uses, including without
10 limitation its use as a fuel for generating electricity, synthetic natural
11 gas, and synthetic crude oil for transportation fuel, and for use of its
12 valuable byproducts.