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By: Representative Cunningham

HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING ARKANSAS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR ITS TEAMWORK ARKANSAS PROGRAM, FOR WORKING JOINTLY WITH OTHER BUSINESSES TO EXPAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL ARKANSANS, AND FOR DILIGENTLY TAKING STEPS TO HOLD DOWN UTILITY RATES SO THE STATE CAN COMPETE FOR NEW JOBS AND INDUSTRIES.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Power and Light Company historically has been actively involved in the economic development of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, in 1987 the electrical utility launched a new initiative called "Teamwork Arkansas", a five-year program to invest in Arkansas' community, economic and industrial development; and

WHEREAS, the AP&L Board of Directors has committed to invest more than \$10 million in stockholders' earnings to its Teamwork Arkansas program in an effort to reach a goal of helping create 40,000 new jobs in the state; and

WHEREAS, the three-point Teamwork Arkansas program to improve the economy of the state involves conducting a national advertising campaign and an international industrial recruitment effort to attract new businesses and industries, assisting existing industries and businesses to maintain and expand operations in Arkansas, and diligently promoting community development through cooperative efforts, leadership training and local enhancement of industrial recruitment skills; and

WHEREAS, AP&L officials involved in the Teamwork Arkansas program have shown an impressive willingness to work with the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission and with other industries, utilities and businesses both inside and outside AP&L's service area in pursuing the common goals of creating jobs for Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, as Teamwork Arkansas begins its second year of operations, the program has been directly involved in about 80 plant expansions resulting in

the creation of thousands of new jobs; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of making our state an attractive place for new businesses and industries, AP&L has gone to great lengths and has worked closely with regulatory agencies to limit consumer and industrial electrical rate increases so Arkansas could remain competitive for new jobs and industries; and

WHEREAS, many new jobs will be created in the coming years by industries dependent on the high consumption of electricity, which would make Arkansas an attractive location because of its major asset of having an abundance of reasonably priced electrical power.

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That Arkansas Power and Light Company be commended for its leadership and initiative in promoting economic, industrial and community development through its Teamwork Arkansas program, through its commitment to pursuing dependable and affordable supplies of electrical energy, and through its dedication to a cooperative effort with public and private entities to promote Arkansas and, most importantly, its people.