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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 REQUESTING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT A
10 STUDY CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ALTERNATIVE
11 FUELS INDUSTRY IN THE STATE AND TO INCLUDE IN THE
12 STUDY AN EXAMINATION OF MEANS TO INCREASE THE USE OF
13 RENEWABLE ENERGY AND EMERGING ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES
14 WITHIN THE STATE.
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25 WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks number two among the states in the use of motor
26 fuels per registered vehicle; and

27 WHEREAS, new technologies which allow for the transformation of biomass
28 waste materials to be converted into motor fuels are currently being
29 developed on a commercial scale in other states; and

30 WHEREAS, the predominance of agriculture in Arkansas provides both a
31 wide variety and abundant quantities of low-value waste products that would
32 be suitable for conversion to motor fuels; and

33 WHEREAS, of the \$5.8 billion spent each year on energy in Arkansas,
34 transportation energy costs total \$2.3 billion; and

35 WHEREAS, recent increases in energy prices have caused a significant
36 financial burden on many Arkansas citizens; and

1 WHEREAS, Acts 976 and 1367 of 1999 created incentives for the
2 manufacturing of emerging energy technologies that would benefit energy
3 consumers in Arkansas; and

4 WHEREAS, with the prospect of electric deregulation, small energy
5 consumers should be given every opportunity to benefit from the restructuring
6 of the electric power industry;

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8 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-
9 THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING
10 THEREIN:

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12 That the Joint Committee on Energy is hereby requested to conduct a
13 study on the development of an alternative fuels industry and the increased
14 usage of renewable and emerging energy technologies.