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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE
10 GOVERNMENTS' CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION
11 AND ENDORSING THE CENTER'S FIRST TWO (2) MAJOR
12 INITIATIVES.

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14 **Subtitle**

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17 ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION AND ENDORSING
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22 WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments has received national and
23 international recognition for its innovative environmental programs,
24 including the Policy Academy on Environmental Management Tools and the State
25 Environmental Initiative, and is uniquely positioned to provide state,
26 business and private sector decision-makers with the tools they need to
27 develop and implement innovative environmental programs, policies and
28 partnerships; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments is prepared to commit
31 substantial organizational funding to launch a new national center, the
32 Center for Environmental Innovation, that will prepare leaders to utilize the
33 next generation of environmental management tools and will provide other
34 educational resources and services to members; and

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36 WHEREAS, leaders from government, business and the private sector have



1 a compelling need to develop policies and programs that encourage the use of
2 Environmental Management Systems and other cutting-edge approaches to improve
3 environmental performance and enhance regulatory compliance; and
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5 WHEREAS, Arkansas as a member of the Council of State Governments and
6 as a governmental jurisdiction is concerned with advancements and innovation
7 in environmental policies and programs and supports developments to promote
8 environmental performance and enhance regulatory compliance,
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10 NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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14 That the House of Representatives of the State of Arkansas supports the
15 creation of the Council of State Governments' Center for Environmental
16 Innovation and endorses the first two (2) major initiatives of the Center for
17 Environmental Innovation: (1) the publication of a State Official's Guide to
18 Environmental Management Systems and (2) the establishment of a national
19 advisory board; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT after its adoption, the Chief Clerk send a copy
22 of this Resolution to the Council of State Governments to show support and
23 endorse the creation of the Center at the Annual Meeting and State Leadership
24 Forum in Richmond, Virginia.
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