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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 A RESOLUTION REGARDING TRANSITIONAL CLIMATE
11 CHANGE POLICY.
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13 **Subtitle**

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15 CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY.
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18 WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Arkansas General Assembly that the
19 issue of global climate change presents a challenge to the welfare and
20 economy of current and future generations in Arkansas and around the world;
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23 WHEREAS, any approach to address the issue of global climate change
24 should encourage a transition toward a sustainable economy in a fair,
25 equitable, balanced, and timely manner such that Arkansas remains competitive
26 in the national and international economy; and
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28 WHEREAS, efforts are underway at the international, national, state,
29 and local levels to develop meaningful and effective policies to control
30 emissions of greenhouse gases and to reduce the level of greenhouse gases in
31 the atmosphere on a worldwide basis; and
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33 WHEREAS, because the United States consumes a disproportionate share of
34 the world's energy supply and the greenhouse gas emissions of developing
35 countries are rising rapidly, the United States, as a world economic leader,
36 should meet with other industrialized and industrializing nations to



1 negotiate mutually beneficial positions in future climate treaties; and

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3 WHEREAS, any system designed to regulate greenhouse gas emissions
4 should be evaluated on its ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and its
5 potential economic impact; and

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7 WHEREAS, mutual reductions in greenhouse gas emissions would be
8 economically beneficial to all states and countries; and

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10 WHEREAS, a number of leading Arkansas industries have been early
11 adopters of energy efficient technologies and practices; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Governor's Commission on Global Warming has
14 recognized the role of national legislation and coordination in reducing
15 greenhouse gas emissions,

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17 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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21 That it is the sense of the Arkansas General Assembly that global
22 climate change is a local, state, national, and international issue and any
23 action taken by the Congress of the United States of America to address the
24 issue of global climate change and to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases
25 should be undertaken in an efficient, balanced, and coordinated manner that:

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

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

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

33 (4) Rewards early adopters of practices and technologies that
34 are more energy efficient and less carbon-intensive;

35 (5) Prevents the loss or migration of industrial and
36 manufacturing production and commercial activity to nations and economies

1 that are less energy efficient;

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

3 (7) Encourages U.S. innovation.

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the State of Arkansas and the Arkansas General
6 Assembly should recognize and promote the foregoing policy objectives on a
7 state level.