

House Concurrent Resolution No. 46

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, energy policy and regulation are vital to Missouri's economy and which
3 have a direct impact on Missouri families, farmers, businesses, and employees; and

4 **Whereas**, on December 7, 2009, the Administrator for the Environmental
5 Protection Agency (EPA) signed two distinct findings regarding greenhouse gases under Section
6 202(c) of the federal Clean Air Act:

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8 (1) Endangerment Finding: the Administrator finds that the current and projected
9 concentrations of the six key well-mixed greenhouse gases - carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane
10 (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), and sulfur
11 hexafluoride (SF₆) - in the atmosphere threaten the public health and welfare of current and
12 future generations;

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14 (2) Cause and Contribute Finding: the administrator finds that the combined emissions
15 of these well-mixed greenhouse gases from new motor vehicles and new motor vehicle engines
16 contribute to the greenhouse gas pollution which threatens public health and welfare; and

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18 **Whereas**, this finding by the EPA, if implemented, will cost Missouri jobs and
19 raise electric rates on families, farmers, businesses, and employees; and

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21 **Whereas**, the people of Missouri are dependent on coal for their electricity,
22 obtaining approximately 80 - 85% of electrical energy from coal for their homes, farms, and
23 businesses. This heavy dependence on coal is common throughout the Midwestern states; and

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25 **Whereas**, Missouri's electric rates consistently rank among the lowest cost states
26 in the union, and is one of only three states in the United States to see electricity rates drop in the
27 years 2000 to 2008, and by the largest percentage (6%), making Missouri attractive to business
28 and industry, creating jobs, and making Missouri a low-cost place to live; and
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30 **Whereas**, the technology of the 21st Century is providing cleaner yet still
31 affordable baseload electrical generation from coal, including Super Critical Pulverized Coal
32 (Prairie State in Illinois) and Ultra Supercritical Pulverized Coal (Turk in Arkansas) as well as
33 developing options for coal to liquids, coal to gas, and carbon sequestration:
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35 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
36 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
37 concurring therein, hereby:
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39 (1) Request that our elected statewide officials express their opposition to the further
40 acceptance or approval of the Environmental Protection Agency formal endangerment finding
41 on greenhouse gases;

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43 (2) Convey that it is not well taken by and harmful to the State of Missouri;

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45 (3) Urge the Environmental Protection Agency to rescind their recent formal
46 endangerment finding on greenhouse gases; and

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48 **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri General Assembly hereby urges our
49 Missouri Congressional delegation to vote against H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy Act
50 of 2009, and further requests that our elected statewide officials express their respective positions
51 on the passage of H.R. 2454 and send a unified message to our Missouri Congressional
52 delegation; and

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54 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
55 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Governor
56 Jay Nixon, President Barack Obama, President of the United States Senate, Speaker of the
57 United States House of Representatives, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection
58 Agency, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.