

House Concurrent Resolution No. 64

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES LOW (Sponsor), OXFORD, PACE, CARTER, LAMPE, STILL,
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1 **Whereas**, there is strong consensus from the world's climate scientists that
2 greenhouse gases are causing the earth's temperature to rise, resulting in global climate change;
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5 **Whereas**, the effects of climate change pose a real and present threat to our nation's
6 environment, economy, health, agriculture, and national security; and
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8 **Whereas**, the effects of climate change include the increase of political and social
9 instability in poorer regions of the world, presenting potential security threats for the United
10 States; and
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12 **Whereas**, the United States' dependence on fossil fuels negatively impacts the
13 natural environment and weakens the nation's economy and security; and
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15 **Whereas**, the United States currently spends approximately one billion dollars a
16 day to import oil, and by 2030, the United States Department of Energy estimates that, without
17 comprehensive clean energy legislation, the country's reliance on foreign oil could cost \$8.5
18 trillion; and
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20 **Whereas**, there is worldwide competition for clean energy development with many
21 other countries already leading the way. A comprehensive federal clean energy jobs and climate
22 legislation can stimulate the United States' efforts to develop innovative clean energy technology
23 and jobs to compete in the global marketplace; and
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25 **Whereas**, clean energy jobs are growing at a rate 250% faster than the rest of the
26 economy; and
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28 **Whereas**, the use of renewable energy promotes energy independence, creates
29 domestic jobs that cannot be outsourced, and preserves natural resources; and
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31 **Whereas**, thousands of businesses have joined together calling for comprehensive
32 federal clean energy legislation, including among others members of the United States Climate
33 Action Partnership and the Clean Economy Network; and
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35 **Whereas**, the United States Congress has concurrently before it for consideration
36 the American Clean Energy and Security Act, H.R. 2454, adopted by the United States House
37 of Representatives on June 26, 2009, and the Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act, S.
38 1733, that promote clean energy development and use, reduce pollution, curb greenhouse gas
39 emissions, and limit dependence on foreign oil and create economic growth; and
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41 **Whereas**, United States Senators John Kerry of Massachusetts and Lindsey
42 Graham of South Carolina co-authored an editorial outlining a bi-partisan approach to mitigating
43 climate change; and
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45 **Whereas**, many states, including Missouri, have taken steps to increase their
46 percentage electricity generated from renewable sources such as wind, solar, and wave energy,
47 which has led to significant job growth in the clean energy sector of the national economy; and
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49 **Whereas**, Missouri ranks 45th among all states in its energy efficient performance
50 in the United States; and
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52 **Whereas**, many states have demonstrated leadership in moving to a green
53 economy, resulting in a patchwork of emissions standards, energy efficiency requirements, and
54 regulations. A national framework for clean energy will create a consistent regulatory scheme
55 that will move the entire nation developing a clean energy sector:
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57 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
58 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
59 concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to pass legislation to address the
60 consequences of climate change, protects national energy and economic security, promotes job
61 development, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions; and
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63 **Be it further resolved** that the national legislation include the following
64 provisions:

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66 (1) The protection of low- and moderate-income Americans from increased energy costs;

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68 (2) Support for alternative sources of energy, including wind, solar, and wave energy;

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70 (3) Preparation for the effects of climate change on the nation's infrastructure, natural
71 environment, and economy; and

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73 **Be it further resolved** that the national legislation does not preempt more
74 restrictive state legislative efforts to control greenhouse gas emissions, encourage energy
75 efficiency, and encourage renewable energy; and

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77 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
78 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for President
79 Barack Obama, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and House of
80 Representatives, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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