

House Concurrent Resolution No. 42

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES FUNDERBURK (Sponsor), BARNES, FISHER,
BAHR AND KOENIG (Co-sponsors).

1644L.01I

2 **WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed
3 or is proposing numerous new regulations, particularly in the area of air quality and regulation
4 of greenhouse gases, that are likely to have major effects on the economy, jobs, and the
5 competitiveness of the United States in worldwide markets; and

6 **WHEREAS**, EPA's regulatory activity as to air quality and greenhouse gases has
7 numerous and overlapping requirements and may have a potentially devastating consequence on
8 the economy; and

9
10 **WHEREAS**, concern is growing that, with Cap-and-Trade legislation having failed in
11 the United States Congress, EPA is attempting to obtain the same results through the adoption
12 of regulations; and

13
14 **WHEREAS**, EPA over-regulation is driving jobs and industry out of the United States;
15 and

16
17 **WHEREAS**, neither EPA nor the Administration has undertaken any comprehensive
18 study of what the cumulative effect that the new regulatory activity will have on the economy,
19 jobs, and competitiveness; and

20
21 **WHEREAS**, EPA has not performed any comprehensive study of what the
22 environmental benefits of its greenhouse gas regulation will be in terms of impacts on global
23 climate; and

24
25 **WHEREAS**, state agencies are routinely required to identify the costs of their regulations
26 and to justify those costs in light of the benefits; and

27

28 **WHEREAS**, since EPA has identified "taking action on climate change and improving
29 air quality" as its first strategic goal for the 2011-15 time period, EPA should be required to
30 identify the specific actions it intends to take to achieve these goals and to assess the total cost
31 of all these actions together; and

32

33 **WHEREAS**, the Missouri General Assembly supports continuing improvements in the
34 quality of the nation's air and believes that such improvements can be made in a sensible fashion
35 without damaging the economy so long as there is a full understanding of the cost of the
36 regulation at issue; and

37

38 **WHEREAS**, the primary goal of government at the present time must be to promote
39 economic recovery and to foster a stable and predictable business environment that will lead to
40 the creation of jobs; and

41

42 **WHEREAS**, public health and welfare will suffer without significant new job creation
43 and economic improvement, because people with good jobs are better able to take care of
44 themselves and their families than the unemployed and because environmental improvement is
45 only possible in a society that generates wealth:

46

47 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
48 Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
49 concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to:

50 (1) Adopt legislation prohibiting EPA, by any means necessary, from regulating
51 greenhouse gas emissions, including defunding EPA greenhouse gas regulatory activities, if
52 necessary;

53 (2) Impose a moratorium on promulgation of any new air quality regulation by EPA, by
54 any means necessary, except to directly address an imminent health or environmental emergency,
55 for a period of at least two years, including defunding EPA air quality regulatory activities; and

56 (3) Require the Administration to undertake a study identifying all regulatory activity
57 the EPA intends to undertake in furtherance of its goal of "taking action on climate change and
58 improving air quality" and specifying the cumulative effect of all of these regulations on the
59 economy, jobs, and the economic competitiveness of the United States. The study should be a
60 multi-agency study drawing on the expertise both of EPA and of agencies and departments
61 having expertise in and responsibility for the economy and the electric system and should
62 provide an objective cost-benefit analysis of all the EPA's current and planned regulation
63 together; and

64

65 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
66 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
67 President of the United States; the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States House of
68 Representatives and Senate; Lisa P. Jackson, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection
69 Agency; and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

T