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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

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ENVIRONMENT: Memorializes congress to postpone the EPA's effort to regulate
greenhouse gas emissions

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to postpone
3 the United States Environmental Protection Agency's effort to regulate greenhouse
4 gas emissions from stationary sources using existing federal Clean Air Act authority
5 until congress adopts a balanced approach to address climate and energy supply
6 issues without crippling the economy.

7 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's plan to regulate
8 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from new cars and light trucks will trigger the same
9 regulation of GHG emissions from stationary sources, like manufacturing facilities, power
10 plants, hospitals, and commercial establishments; and

11 WHEREAS, regulating GHG emissions from "stationary sources" under the federal
12 Clean Air Act would be a great anchor on manufacturing and the economy in general; and

13 WHEREAS, the pending United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA)
14 effort would burden progress on two of the nation's top priorities, environmental
15 improvement and economic recovery, by imposing onerous permitting requirements that will
16 significantly delay or even eliminate investments in new energy efficient technologies; and

17 WHEREAS, over four million jobs were lost in 2009, and these proposed regulations
18 have the potential to cause even more job losses; and

1 WHEREAS, the regulatory requirements of the federal Clean Air Act will
2 overwhelm state agencies, which are not equipped to handle the estimated six million
3 permitting requests anticipated; and

4 WHEREAS, only the United States Congress can act to avoid the significant costs
5 and burdens that will be imposed by these regulations on stationary sources, which even
6 EPA admits will lead to "absurd results".

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to postpone
9 the United States Environmental Protection Agency's effort to regulate greenhouse gas
10 emissions from stationary sources using existing federal Clean Air Act authority until
11 congress adopts a balanced approach to address climate and energy supply issues without
12 crippling the economy.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
14 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
15 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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