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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING RESPONSIBLE AND REASONABLE STEPS IN STATE AND FEDERAL EFFORTS TO
COMBAT GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE AND REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the National
2 Academy of Sciences found that the continued buildup of greenhouse gases in
3 the atmosphere adversely impacts the global climate; and

4 Whereas, the greenhouse gas emissions of developing countries are
5 rising more rapidly than the emissions of the United States and have
6 surpassed the greenhouse gas emissions of the United States and other
7 developed countries; and

8 Whereas, Arizona accounts for only 0.3% of total global greenhouse gas
9 emissions; and

10 Whereas, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must not
11 eliminate American jobs or diminish the ability of American industry to
12 compete in the global marketplace; and

13 Whereas, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must not add
14 to the already high costs of power and gasoline; and

15 Whereas, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must reward,
16 and not punish, early adopters of energy efficient technologies and practice;
17 and

18 Whereas, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must adopt an
19 international component to prevent "emissions leakage" and ensure that
20 emissions do not simply migrate to another state or nation; and

21 Whereas, the only manner to quantify these emissions is through a
22 domestic and international greenhouse gas emissions registry that is uniform,
23 transparent and verifiable; and

24 Whereas, any system to regulate greenhouse gases must ensure that the
25 adopted regime does not result in the off-shoring of international trade
26 sensitive industries; and

27 Whereas, Arizona has already lost 36,000 manufacturing jobs since 1998;
28 and

29 Whereas, manufacturing accounts for approximately \$19 billion of the
30 Arizona gross state product; and

31 Whereas, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emission must ensure the
32 availability of sufficient, affordable energy, including clean energy, before
33 restricting emissions in a manner that could reduce the volume of energy
34 available to consumers; and

35 Whereas, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emission must provide
36 credits or allowances to support operations, such as recycling, that reduce
37 greenhouse gas emissions.

38 Therefore

39 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the
40 Senate concurring:

41 That the Legislature support the combating of global climate change and
42 the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in a manner structured to promote
43 American jobs, save American citizens and industry from higher energy prices,
44 reward early adopters of efficient practices and technologies, prevent
45 "emissions leakage" and champion the global competitiveness of American
46 industry.