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House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging the bipartisan rejection of any energy or climate legislation or other regulations which place an undue burden on the United States economy and its citizens.

WHEREAS, there is currently a global economic recession, with unemployment rates in the United States hovering at 10 percent, and

WHEREAS, estimates have placed the cost of previously forwarded energy proposals as high as \$1,500 or more per household per year, and

WHEREAS, if those estimates prove correct, legislation that includes cap and trade could represent the single largest tax increase in the history of the United States, and

WHEREAS, even if implemented, such plans would reduce global temperatures by only a fraction of one degree, and

WHEREAS, meaningful global emissions reductions cannot happen without the aggressive participation of India, China, and other developing nations, and

WHEREAS, China and India have indicated that they will not participate in mandatory emissions control, and

WHEREAS, the passage of draconian energy legislation will result in job losses for the citizens of the United States, and

WHEREAS, carbon-producing industries will be more likely to move to countries where the costs to operate will be lower and may ultimately have a negative effect on the environment as many of those nations do not employ the environmental constraints and

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29 requirements currently administered in the United States, and
30 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has, for several years,
31 debated and declined to grant the United States Environmental
32 Protection Agency the authority to regulate greenhouse gases,
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34 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency
35 has taken steps to unilaterally circumvent the legislative
36 process to regulate greenhouse gases, citing the Clean Air Act,
37 a document not meant to address the global environment, though
38 it admits such authority stretches the doctrines of
39 "administrative necessity," and

40 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency
41 estimates such unilateral regulation would cost businesses in
42 the United States billions of dollars in these tough economic
43 times, not to mention the suffocating costs to businesses and
44 local and state governments associated with additional
45 permitting, regulation, and enforcement, and

46 WHEREAS, the energy sources of the United States provide
47 well-paying jobs and affordable energy for the citizens of the
48 United States and should be bolstered, rather than undermined by
49 transferring jobs and wealth to nations that regard this nation
50 as an enemy, and

51 WHEREAS, we must create a diverse energy portfolio that is
52 not only sustainable, but it also efficient and reliable, and

53 WHEREAS, the United States should be focusing on improving
54 technologies that will make coal, the nation's most abundant
55 energy source, cleaner, and

56 WHEREAS, nuclear energy is clean, reliable, and safe, using

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57 | current technology, provides long-term cost savings, and should
58 | play a constructive role in any legitimate comprehensive energy
59 | plan, and

60 | WHEREAS, the United States can protect the environment and
61 | use the nation's energy sources, including oil, natural gas,
62 | coal, and nuclear power, to create jobs in the United States and
63 | increase national security by utilizing those resources and the
64 | ingenuity and productivity of its citizens, NOW, THEREFORE,

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66 | Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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68 | That the Congress of the United States is urged to reject
69 | cap and trade legislation, overreaching actions by federal
70 | agencies relating to energy or the climate, or any other energy
71 | or climate proposals that will artificially raise energy prices
72 | for consumers and place an undue burden on the economy and the
73 | citizens of the United States for little or no environmental
74 | benefit.

75 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
76 | dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
77 | President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
78 | United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
79 | the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.