

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1088

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution urging the adoption of a national energy
8 policy that is equitable for states and ethnic and
9 socioeconomic groups; calling for the enactment of
10 climate change legislation by Congress that meets
11 certain criteria; and directing distribution.

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13 WHEREAS, state and local communities, energy providers, and
14 businesses have a common interest in assuring the availability and
15 reliability of low-cost electric power generation and supply for
16 consumers; and

17 WHEREAS, state and local governments also have a common interest
18 in addressing global climate change and promoting clean energy in a
19 responsible way that achieves the maximum amount of greenhouse gas
20 emission reductions with the least economic harm; and

21 WHEREAS, there is growing support for short and long-term
22 strategies in addressing climate change concerns that support
23 market-based solutions to assure adequate and diverse domestic
24 energy supplies and infrastructure including natural gas production,

1 encourage development of advanced technologies, improve energy
2 efficiency, and meet state and local community business and consumer
3 needs for affordable and reliable energy while ensuring the quality
4 of the environment; and

5 WHEREAS, energy efficiency, renewable resources, natural gas,
6 advanced nuclear and clean coal with carbon capture and storage are
7 all important ways of responsibly managing greenhouse gas emissions
8 while also ensuring adequate, reliable service to consumers; and

9 WHEREAS, research and development are keys to assuring
10 availability of new, breakthrough technologies that will help the
11 United States become less dependent on foreign energy sources and
12 assure energy remains reasonably priced; and

13 WHEREAS, improvements in energy efficiency, consumer education
14 on energy saving and energy efficiency methods and the promotion of
15 "smart" buildings, appliances, grid and electric meters are all
16 critically important to securing energy availability and
17 affordability for all Americans; and

18 WHEREAS, the United States needs a sound, rational domestic
19 energy policy which addresses state and local community needs for
20 energy assistance to low-income households, development of
21 alternative energy sources, continued development of domestic
22 natural gas as an energy source, improvements in energy efficiency,
23 appropriate consideration of the impact of regulatory energy
24 policies, expansion and strengthening of critical energy

1 infrastructure such as electric transmission, the role of other
2 important energy options and incentives for contracting with
3 underutilized businesses.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

6 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges the adoption of
7 an national energy policy that is equitable across all regions of
8 the state and to all ethnic and socioeconomic groups by:

9 1. Assigning an adequate number of carbon emission allowances
10 to the electric utility sector with realistic reduction targets to
11 avoid price shocks for consumers; and

12 2. Providing flexibility to states and regulated entities in
13 meeting renewable energy standards and carbon requirements.

14 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives calls on Congress to
15 enact climate change legislation that ensures affordably priced
16 energy, increases energy production of all sources including
17 domestic natural gas production, encourage energy efficiency and
18 provides for investment in advanced technologies.

19 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives calls on Congress to
20 enact climate change legislation that is transparent and provides
21 consumers with a thorough cost analysis of legislative proposals,
22 using up-to-date economic and energy models, so that consumers are
23 aware of the costs and benefits of the proposals.

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1 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President
2 of the United States and the members of the Oklahoma Congressional
3 delegation.

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