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1       A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION concerning climate  
2       change and economic development.

3       *Whereas, the state of Indiana endeavors to achieve a*  
4       *prosperous and sustainable economy to protect the future of*  
5       *Hoosier children, grandchildren, and generations to come;*

6       *Whereas, the increase of 1 degree Celsius in average global*  
7       *temperature since the Industrial Revolution is causing*  
8       *increased and intensifying wildfires, floods, rising seas,*  
9       *diseases, droughts, and extreme weather;*

10       *Whereas, numerous agencies and organizations, including the*  
11       *American Lung Association, the National Academy of Sciences,*  
12       *and the United States Department of Defense, have determined*  
13       *that climate change is a serious risk to life, a threat to justice,*  
14       *and a threat to national security;*

15       *Whereas, the effects of climate change upon Indiana by the*  
16       *year 2050 that are projected in Purdue University's Indiana*  
17       *Climate Change Impacts Assessment include a 16 percent to 20*  
18       *percent reduction in yields for current corn varieties due to*  
19       *heat stress and water deficits; declines in livestock productivity*  
20       *and fertility due to heat stress; a four week increase in the*  
21       *growing seasons for allergens like ragweed; air quality*  
22       *degradation from a greater number of days above 95 degrees*  
23       *Fahrenheit; a 17 percent to 29 percent increase in the rate of*  
24       *soil erosion due to more frequent extreme precipitation events;*  
25       *and warmer winters that will shorten the period during which*  
26       *wood can be harvested without damaging forest soils;*



1        *Whereas, sustainable economic development has the potential*  
2        *to create high-skilled jobs, combat "brain drain", decrease*  
3        *consumer energy costs, and enhance workforce development for*  
4        *Indiana while simultaneously mitigating climate change;*

5        *Whereas, Indiana's 94,000 farmers have the potential to*  
6        *voluntarily contribute to Indiana's effort to address climate*  
7        *change;*

8        *Whereas, effective and systematic efforts by the state of*  
9        *Indiana to address climate change and advance economic*  
10       *development will protect the future of Hoosier children,*  
11       *grandchildren, and generations to come: Therefore,*

12                                *Be it resolved by the Senate*  
13                                *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*  
14                                *the House of Representatives concurring:*

15        SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly  
16        acknowledges climate change as a serious problem for Indiana.

17        SECTION 2. That Indiana's response to climate change  
18        should seek to capitalize on economic development that will  
19        combat "brain drain", achieve better workforce development,  
20        enhance quality of place, and create jobs for all Hoosiers.

21        SECTION 3. That there is great potential value in providing  
22        Hoosier farmers with opportunities and incentives to voluntarily  
23        participate in addressing climate change.

24        SECTION 4. That workers and communities that have been  
25        or will be affected by changes in the energy industry must be  
26        protected.

27        SECTION 5. That all Hoosiers, particularly those most  
28        vulnerable to changes in Indiana's climate, must be protected  
29        through adaptive climate solutions.

