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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

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CONGRESS. Memorializes Congress to adopt legislation postponing EPA's effort to regulate greenhouse gas emissions.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to adopt legislation which would postpone the Environmental Protection Agency's effort to regulate greenhouse gas emissions.

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2009, the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed two distinct findings regarding greenhouse gases under the federal Clean Air Act: (1) Endangerment finding - the current and projected concentrations of six key well-mixed greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride) in the atmosphere threaten the public health and welfare of current and future generations; and (2) Cause or contribute finding - the combined emissions of these well-mixed greenhouse gases from new motor vehicles and new motor vehicle engines contribute to the greenhouse gas pollution which threatens public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, these findings are a prerequisite to finalizing the EPA's proposed greenhouse gas (GHG) emission standards for light-duty vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in addition to emission standards for light-duty vehicles, these findings also trigger the regulation of GHG emissions from stationary sources, like manufacturing facilities, power plants, hospitals, and commercial establishments; and

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

3 WHEREAS, the pending EPA effort would burden progress on two of the nation's
4 top priorities: environmental improvement and economic recovery by imposing onerous
5 permitting requirements that will significantly delay or even eliminate investments in new
6 energy efficient technologies; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2009, over four million jobs were lost and regulations on GHG
8 emissions from stationary sources have the potential to cause even more job losses; and

9 WHEREAS, the regulatory requirements of the Clean Air Act will overwhelm state
10 agencies, which are not equipped to handle the estimated six million permitting requests; and

11 WHEREAS, only Congress can act to avoid the significant costs and burdens
12 imposed by the regulations on stationary sources; and

13 WHEREAS, in order to safeguard American jobs, ensure affordable energy for
14 America, and maintain America's global competitiveness, the Congress of the United States
15 should adopt legislation postponing the EPA's efforts to regulate greenhouse gas emissions.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes
17 the Congress of the United States to adopt legislation that would postpone EPA's effort to
18 regulate greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources using existing Clean Air Act
19 authority until Congress adopts a balanced approach to address climate change and energy
20 supply issues without crippling the economy.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22 secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of
23 Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States
24 Congress.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cathy R. Wells.

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