

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 119

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A RESOLUTION to encourage the State of Tennessee to develop an energy production plan in an effort to become an energy exporter.

WHEREAS, a reliable, affordable, and responsive electricity supply is essential to Tennesseans' quality of life; and

WHEREAS, having a reliable, affordable, and responsive electrical generating infrastructure is essential to life, safety, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, having a reliable, affordable, and responsive electrical generating infrastructure is essential to our growing and robust Tennessee economy; and

WHEREAS, Oak Ridge is the cradle of America's nuclear capability, as well as uranium processing and energy research; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has the infrastructure base and a population with the skillsets to be the nation's leader in producing reliable, affordable, and responsive energy; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is also home to the Tennessee River system, which is capable of producing large quantities of hydroelectric power; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is currently a net-importer of electricity, which places our state at a possible economic disadvantage; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is realizing unprecedented growth in many areas, increasing our demand for electricity; and

WHEREAS, a congruence of energy production capability and capacity better enables the long-term success of all Tennessee industries, including Blue Oval City, the Ultium Cells Battery Plant, and our growing automotive industry across the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby encourage the State of Tennessee to develop an energy production plan that fully utilizes all of Tennessee's resources to become a significant exporter of kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity to other states, ensuring that we will be able to sustain our quality of life, protect our life, safety, and emergency capabilities, provide infrastructure for continued economic growth, and place a greater reliance upon Tennessee decision-making relative to energy production in this great State.