

House Concurrent Resolution No. 32

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **WHEREAS**, the rightful authority to develop energy policy for Missouri is vested in the
2 Missouri General Assembly under Section 1 of Article III of the Constitution of Missouri; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency is seeking to subvert
5 this authority by commanding our state to comply with federal mandates with little or no regard
6 for the impact on our residents and communities; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency is seeking to make fundamental
9 changes to the state's existing energy policy; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, specifically, the EPA is requiring that Missouri reduce all electricity usage
12 by almost ten percent, increase natural gas combined cycle capacity factors by over forty percent,
13 and increase renewable energy generation by three hundred percent; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, these requirements could severely damage the economic well-being of our
16 state and our communities by increasing utility bills, increasing unemployment, and potentially
17 reducing the reliability of our electric grid; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, more than eighty percent of the electricity generated in Missouri is derived
20 from coal-fired plants; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the driving forces behind the institution of the EPA's rule has been by
23 states that do not generate electricity from coal and thus would not be impacted in an equal and
24 fair manner:

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26 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
27 Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
28 concurring therein, hereby strongly urge the Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw its

29 proposed rule and return the state's energy policy regulation to the rightful authority of the
30 people and elected officials of the state of Missouri; and

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32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
33 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Gina
34 McCarthy, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and each member of the
35 Missouri Congressional delegation.

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