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By Committee on Energy and Environment

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1 A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to oppose the
2 assumptions and implementation of the President's climate action plan.

3 WHEREAS, On June 25, 2013, President Barack Obama issued "The
4 President's Climate Action Plan," which has been followed by proposed
5 actions to be taken by the United States Environmental Protection
6 Agency in support of this Plan; and

7 ~~WHEREAS, The Plan suggests that the activities of mankind are such
8 that carbon pollution occurs as a result of the emission of the compound
9 known as carbon dioxide, CO₂, which is fundamentally and chemically
10 distinct from elemental carbon; and~~

11 ~~WHEREAS, The Environmental Protection Agency believes the
12 agency has just cause to execute the Plan, and in so doing promulgate
13 dozens, if not hundreds of regulations related to the agency's believed
14 responsibility to mitigate modeled weather and climatic events; and~~

15 WHEREAS, The core of the Plan is focused on climate management,
16 believed to be necessary due to the emissions of carbon dioxide from
17 various point and non-point sources largely related to the combustion of
18 fossil fuels; and

19 ~~WHEREAS, The Environmental Protection Agency asserts that
20 extreme weather events are due to anthropogenic CO₂ emissions and
21 must be controlled; and~~

22 ~~WHEREAS, The climate of planet earth is somewhat predictable,
23 from season to season, year to year, and decade to decade, due to cyclic
24 variations that have been observed for hundreds, and in some cases
25 thousands, of years; and~~

26 ~~WHEREAS, The contents of the Plan are based on multiple erroneous
27 assumptions and models that have been substantially refuted by a
28 preponderance of scientific evidence; and~~

29 ~~WHEREAS, The gaseous substance CO₂ is known to produce very
30 desirable effects upon plant life, and is also known to be a colorless,
31 odorless, tasteless and harmless component that is essential to earth's
32 atmosphere; and~~

33 ~~WHEREAS, Substantial amounts and types of real data evidence
34 clearly indicate a complete disconnect between anthropogenic emissions
35 of CO₂ and the temperature of the earth; and~~

36 ~~WHEREAS, Global sea level has been steadily increasing in most~~

1 areas, with no association to human activity, due in part to continental
2 glaciers that have been melting for hundreds of years as a result of the
3 undeniable fact that the earth has been engaged in a warming period in
4 relation to the most recent of many interglacial periods; and

5 ~~WHEREAS, The sea ice of both the Arctic region of the northern~~
6 ~~hemisphere and the Antarctic region of the southern hemisphere have~~
7 ~~increased and reached record extents since satellite observation of these~~
8 ~~regions began in 1979, all while the concentration of CO2 in the earth's~~
9 ~~atmosphere has increased from approximately 340 parts per million to~~
10 ~~400 ppm; and~~

11 ~~WHEREAS, There has been no increase in the number of tropical~~
12 ~~storms or hurricanes worldwide since 1971, regardless of the material~~
13 ~~increase of CO2; and~~

14 ~~WHEREAS, There has been no increase in the number of F3 or~~
15 ~~greater tornadoes during the period of 1954 to 2013, and in fact, the~~
16 ~~number of tornadoes has been trending downward since 1974; and~~

17 ~~WHEREAS, The most severe droughts in the contiguous United~~
18 ~~States occurred during the periods 1930-1942 and 1953-1960, with~~
19 ~~materially wetter periods dominating the past five decades; and~~

20 WHEREAS, If allowed to become effective, the proposed rules and
21 regulations resulting from EPA actions would be very detrimental to the
22 economy of the United States as well as the State of Kansas: Now,
23 therefore,

24 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
25 ~~That based on these, as well as other highly credible lines of actual~~
26 ~~scientific data, we urge the United States Congress to take action to~~
27 ~~materially counteract the factually incorrect, misinformed actions~~
28 ~~currently being considered by the EPA related to the Climate Action Plan;~~
29 and

30 ***Be it further resolved: That the EPA should consider the most cost-***
31 ***effective ways to address climate change; and***

32 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
33 Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the
34 majority leader of the United States Senate, the speaker of the United
35 States House of Representatives and each member of the Kansas
36 congressional delegation.