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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The high price of electricity is negatively
2 impacting manufacturers, farmers, small businesses, local
3 governments, and retailers, and thousands of jobs are threatened
4 because of these high costs; and

5 WHEREAS, A greater supply of energy from a variety of sources
6 would help stabilize the price of electricity, and the State of
7 Texas supports a sound, rational domestic energy policy; and

8 WHEREAS, The tight market conditions for uranium have
9 increased the price of uranium, and the current high price of
10 uranium increases by approximately 10 percent of the cost of
11 electricity used in the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature hereby urge the Texas Commission on Environmental
14 Quality to adopt rules providing a balanced approach to the
15 permitting of in-situ uranium mining, offering interested persons
16 an opportunity to participate in a contested case hearing regarding
17 the base permit for a mining operation, but not providing for any
18 additional contested case hearings on mining activities that are
19 conducted within a permitted mining area unless the permit holder
20 seeks to amend its permit to require a less environmentally
21 protective standard; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the chief clerk of the Texas House of
23 Representatives forward an official copy of this resolution to the
24 chair of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as an

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1 expression of the intent of the Texas House of Representatives.