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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Department of Health has issued a report
2 outlining the increased risk of extreme weather events, including
3 wildfires, water scarcity, and flooding, and these impacts of
4 climate change will affect Texas citizens and impair productivity
5 in key economic areas; and

6 WHEREAS, Texas' total annual greenhouse gas emissions are the
7 largest of any state, and it has the highest amount of industrial
8 and transportation-related emissions in the country; in 1999, Texas
9 became the first state in the nation to adopt an Energy Efficiency
10 Resource Standard, but has since fallen significantly behind in
11 energy efficiency; while 40 states saw increases in energy
12 efficiency compared to total energy consumption between 2008 and
13 2016, Texas was among those that experienced decreases; and

14 WHEREAS, The state has more than 233,000 people working in
15 advanced energy across all 254 of its counties, representing more
16 workers than those in mining and oil and gas, and double those
17 working at auto dealerships; Texas has great potential to maximize
18 its advanced energy job market in order to increase energy
19 efficiency and the use of its renewable energy sources; and

20 WHEREAS, Efforts to address climate change and its effects
21 would strengthen our economy and its global competitiveness, as
22 well as reduce pollutants that adversely impact the health of many
23 state residents; a leader in technological innovation and
24 problem-solving ingenuity, Texas recognizes the inherent worth of

1 our natural resources and has a strong tradition of supporting
2 stewardship of the environment; and

3 WHEREAS, Preservation of the state's role as a leader in
4 fiscal responsibility depends on the prudent management of our
5 land, air, and water, and the conservation and maintenance of
6 ecosystems will benefit future generations; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
8 Legislature hereby urge the members of the Texas delegation of the
9 United States Congress to move forward with bipartisan climate
10 action policy initiatives and encourage individuals, corporations,
11 and state agencies to reduce emissions and support the growth of
12 technologies and services that will enlarge and diversify our
13 economy in energy-efficient, cost-effective ways; and, be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That the chief clerk forward official copies of
16 this resolution to the Texas delegation of the United States
17 Congress as an expression of sentiment by the Texas House of
18 Representatives.