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Summary: Request to Congress and the President

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO MEMORIALIZE CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TO EXPEDITIOUSLY PURSUE IMPROVED ENERGY POLICIES AND RELATED TAX POLICIES IN AN EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN OUR NATIONAL ECONOMY AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS.

Whereas, the escalating price of gasoline and energy is helping prevent our state and nation from regaining our economic strength; and

Whereas, businesses are forced to use a growing percentage of their funds to meet rising gasoline costs and other energy costs when instead these funds could be better used to create new jobs; and

Whereas, as a consequence, new jobs are not being created fast enough to get our workforce working again, and the quality of life of every American citizen suffers as a result of anemic job creation and economic growth; and

Whereas, an additional exacerbating economic harm caused by rising gasoline costs comes from the high percentage of gasoline revenue that leaves the country; and

Whereas, we implore Congress and the President to thoroughly examine various tax codes that adversely affect energy costs in our state and nation, and revise these tax codes to mitigate their harmful impact; and

Whereas, Congress and the President should also consider all available avenues to promote conservation and research for alternative sources of energy; and

Whereas, it is also imperative that Congress and the President engage in a robust and fruitful dialogue with domestic oil producers and OPEC nations to explore ways to stabilize and lower oil and gasoline prices over the long term; and

Whereas, we also strongly urge Congress and the President to review refinery capacities to better enable gasoline production to follow the supply and demand curve. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, memorialize Congress and President Barack Obama to expeditiously pursue improved energy policies and related tax policies in an effort to strengthen our national economy and enhance the quality of life of American citizens.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to President Barack Obama, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation.

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