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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

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COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Requests Southern University to establish a plan and recommend policies that support university-private sector partnerships in renewable energy.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to  
3 establish a plan and recommend local, state and federal policies that support  
4 university-private sector partnerships in renewable energy through research and  
5 development, public and private partnerships, and tax credit incentives that position  
6 Louisiana as a leader in clean energy research, workforce development, and  
7 economic development.

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana is blessed with abundant natural resources; and

9 WHEREAS, its petroleum and natural gas reserves have served as an economic  
10 engine for many years; and

11 WHEREAS, many global market trends are shifting away from utilization of fossil  
12 fuels and carbon-intensive energy sources towards a zero or low carbon energy economy;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Louisiana is poised to take advantage of changes in the global  
15 marketplace for clean energy, energy efficiency, and clean technology products by  
16 developing an economic development program dedicated to clean energy and energy  
17 independence; and

18 WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) recently passed

1 by Congress contains more than seventy billion dollars in direct spending and tax credits for  
2 clean energy and transportation programs, including six billion dollars to subsidize loans for  
3 renewable energy projects and an additional six billion dollars in state energy efficiency and  
4 clean energy grants; and

5 WHEREAS, the federal government has implemented several economic development  
6 policies, including an eight year extension for the investment tax credit for solar  
7 technologies, a three year extension for the production tax credit for wind energy, new  
8 regulations which allow utility companies to participate in investment tax credits, and a new  
9 provision which allows renewable energy developers to receive a government grant; and

10 WHEREAS, the policies will create millions of new "green" jobs and allow  
11 Louisiana and other states to undertake initiatives that promote energy security with a focus  
12 on clean renewable sources and strategies to address climate change, workforce development  
13 opportunities, and conservation of wetlands and wildlife habitats; and

14 WHEREAS, by partnering with private industry, Southern University can promote  
15 Louisiana's commitment to becoming a leader in clean energy technology.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
17 urge and request Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to establish  
18 a plan and recommend local, state and federal policies that support university-private sector  
19 partnerships in renewable energy through research and development, public and private  
20 partnerships, and tax credit incentives that position Louisiana as a leader in clean energy  
21 research, workforce development, and economic development.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
23 chancellor of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, Dr. Kofi  
24 Lomotey.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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