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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to 1
extend the current level of the investment tax 2
credit for solar energy property to encourage the 3
development and production of solar energy. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The world's traditional energy sources are limited 5
and global concerns regarding the harmful effects of greenhouse 6
gases are increasing; and 7

WHEREAS, Due to those facts the development of large-scale 8
alternative energy technologies, including solar energy 9
technology, is inevitable; and 10

WHEREAS, Aggressive financial incentives provided by foreign 11
nations has caused the United States to fall behind in developing 12
solar energy technology and equipment; and 13

WHEREAS, The federal investment tax credit for solar energy 14
property is set to revert to ten per cent from the current thirty 15
per cent at the end of 2008, and the economic incentives currently 16
offered by some states are insufficient to enable American solar 17
energy research, development, and production to catch up to 18

technology developed in foreign nations; and 19

WHEREAS, Without aggressive federal economic incentives, 20
American solar energy technology development will fall further 21
behind; and 22

WHEREAS, A substantial investment in American solar energy 23
research, development, and production will ensure that American 24
solar energy technology will surpass foreign technology, will 25
ensure that solar energy technology will be exported from this 26
country, rather than imported, and will ensure that future 27
high-quality solar energy jobs will be created in the United 28
States and will not be sacrificed to foreign competitors; and 29

WHEREAS, The development of solar energy technology in the 30
United States will diversify America's energy portfolio, stabilize 31
American energy costs, and promote America's need for energy 32
security; and 33

WHEREAS, The development of solar energy technology in the 34
United States will cause local environmental benefits such as 35
reducing local emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, 36
mercury, carbon dioxide, and other greenhouse gases caused by 37
traditional energy-production sources; now therefore be it 38

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 127th General Assembly 39
of the State of Ohio, memorialize the United States Congress to 40
extend the current level of the investment tax credit for solar 41
energy property (26 U.S.C. 48), which encourages the development 42
and production of solar energy; and be it further 43

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 44
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 45
members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, to the Speaker and 46
Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the 47
President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, 48
and to the news media of Ohio. 49