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A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green Real Deal

Whereas United States greenhouse gas emissions have decreased to a level approximately 10 percent below 2005 levels as of 2018;

Whereas the United States leads the world in gross emissions reductions;

- Whereas a clean and successful energy economy is driven by a national commitment to innovation, competitive markets, and the deployment of advanced energy technologies as demonstrated by dramatic decadal change—
 - (1) the energy productivity of the United States economy has grown 14 percent since 2009;
 - (2) the total production of natural gas has grown by 56 percent since 2009;
 - (3) the installed wind and solar power capacity has quadrupled since 2009;

Whereas energy prices remain historically low, and in most parts of the country remain below their 2014 peaks, thereby assuring the total

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energy expenditures make up less than 5 percent of total United States personal consumptions expenditures;

- Whereas United States businesses have profited and in just the last year set records by—
 - (1) tripling corporate procurements of clean energy
 - (2) increasing liquified natural gas exports by 135 percent
 - (3) increasing sales of electric vehicles by 80 percent
- Whereas the United States Department of Defense on an ongoing basis, at the direction of Congress, has identified risks to military assets, bases and identified national security threats from climate change and opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve our security position;
- Whereas thirteen United States government agencies, at the direction of Congress through the Global Change Research Act (GCRA) of 1990, have found that—
 - (1) Climate change creates new risks and exacerbates existing vulnerabilities in communities across the United States, presenting growing challenges to human health and safety, quality of life, and the rate of economic growth, and
 - (2) Communities, governments, and businesses are working to reduce risks from—and costs associated with—climate change by taking action to lower greenhouse gas emissions and implement adaptation strategies. While mitigation and adaptation efforts have expanded substantially in the last four years, they do not yet approach the scale considered necessary to avoid substantial damages to the economy, environment, and human health over the coming decades;
- Whereas the House of Representatives recognizes unprecedented demand for job-creating, American-made clean energy and the need to

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empower individuals and businesses to come together in the marketplace as a historic opportunity—

- (1) to create millions of good, high-wage jobs in the United States;
- (2) to enable equal opportunity to unprecedented levels of prosperity and economic security for all people of the United States, and
- (3) secure the United States' position as a global environmental leader: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

- (1) it is the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green Real Deal—
 - (A) to achieve robust, economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions reductions
 - (B) to create more clean energy options through a commitment to innovation
 - (C) to position the United States as a global leader in clean energy and capture global markets as countries invest in low- and zero-emissions technologies
 - (D) to reduce and modernize regulations so that clean energy technologies can be deployed, and compete; and affirm that the government should not pick winners and losers
 - (E) to empower individuals, states, and the marketplace to act, invest, and implement the cleanest, lowest-emitting technologies available

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- (F) to assure that infrastructure, our communities, and our military are resilient and adapting to long-term environmental, climate, and social change;
- (2) the goals described in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of paragraph (1) (referred to in this resolution as the "Green Real Deal" goals) should be accomplished through the following projects—
 - (A) driving investment in carbon capture storage, carbon capture and use, and otherwise reducing or achieving net-zero emissions from fossil energy
 - (B) driving investment in next generation zeroemissions sources including renewables and nuclear energy, especially small modular reactors
 - (C) modernizing the electric grid through strategic investments in transmission, distribution, and storage
 - (D) allowing fair and equal access to energy development on federal lands
 - (E) modernizing the implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act to drive investment in clean energy infrastructure, especially multi-state transmission, and offshore wind
 - (F) eliminating regulations that hinder or slow the deployment of advanced energy
 - (G) modernizing regulations governing hydropower development
 - (H) establishing a voluntary framework reporting and tracking carbon emissions, renewable energy procurement, and energy efficiency investment to increase investment in clean energy technology and improve transparency and

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accountability for the benefit of customers, investors, and shareholders

- (I) establishing robust homeowner tax incentives for energy efficiency upgrades, including HVAC upgrades
- (J) expanding tax incentives for commercial building energy efficiency upgrades
- (K) establishing challenge grants for universities to develop actionable plans for increasing resiliency and building adaptive capacity in urban and rural areas, as well as in national parks and other federal lands
- (L) working with utility companies and developers to ensure the speedy yet realistic and consumer-friendly adoption of renewable energy including solar, wind and geothermal
- (M) protecting the intellectual property of American clean energy innovators