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8 CONCERNING THE COMBINED IMPACTS OF FUTURE EPA
9 REGULATIONS FOR COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS.

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11 WHEREAS, the United State is blessed with abundant
12 energy resources, and it is in our nation's interest to have a
13 diverse and balanced energy mix that takes full advantage of
14 all our energy resources; and

15 WHEREAS, a reliable and affordable electricity
16 supply is vital to economic growth, energy security, jobs, and
17 the overall interests of our nation; and

18 WHEREAS, a diverse and balanced electricity mix
19 includes coal, natural gas, nuclear power, and renewable
20 energy; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2005, coal-fired power plants were
22 responsible for generating 50 percent of U.S. electricity; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2015, coal-fired power plants were
24 responsible for generating only 33 percent of U.S.
25 electricity; and

26 WHEREAS, the U.S. Energy Information Administration
27 (EIA) issued new energy projections on May 17, 2016; and

1 WHEREAS, EIA projects that, by 2040, only 18 percent
2 of U.S. electricity will be generated by coal-fired power
3 plants; and

4 WHEREAS, more U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
5 (EPA) regulations could be imposed on coal-fired power plants;
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7 WHEREAS, these EPA regulations would include new
8 ambient air quality standards for ozone, fine particles, and
9 sulfur dioxide; new rules addressing interstate transport of
10 air pollutants; ongoing regional haze requirements;
11 requirements for coal combustion residuals; and effluent
12 limitation guidelines; and

13 WHEREAS, future EPA regulations are likely to cause
14 even less fuel diversity, higher electricity prices, the
15 retirement of more coal-fired electric generating units,
16 further reductions in the use of coal to produce electricity,
17 and more harm to states that rely on coal for jobs and for
18 reliable and affordably priced electricity; and

19 WHEREAS, this body is concerned about how EPA
20 measures the costs and benefits of new regulations and how the
21 EPA considers the combined potential impact of multiple and
22 simultaneous regulations; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body urges EPA to analyze
25 the combined potential impact of its future regulations for
26 coal-fired power plants and to share such analysis with all
27 states, and urges EPA to minimize such impact on the nation

1 and each state as it develops each individual regulation in
2 furtherance of its statutory mission to protect human health
3 and the environment.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if EPA does not
5 analyze the combined potential impact of its future
6 regulations for coal-fired power plants, the United States
7 Congress should take all necessary steps to ensure that EPA
8 analyzes the combined potential impact of such future
9 regulations on the U.S. electricity sector, jobs, energy
10 prices, individual states, and regions of the country and
11 shares such analysis with all states.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
13 resolution be forwarded to the members of the Alabama
14 Congressional Delegation that they may know of our deep
15 concerns regarding these matters.