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A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N

To affirm the commitment of the members of the General 1
Assembly, in accordance with the aims of the Paris 2
Agreement, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 26 to 3
28 per cent below 2005 levels by the year 2025. 4

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

WHEREAS, On June 1, 2017, President Donald J. Trump 5
announced that he will direct the federal government to cease 6
implementation of the Paris Agreement, which was negotiated by 7
196 countries at the Conference of the Parties in Paris, France, 8
in accordance with the United Nations Framework Convention on 9
Climate Change (UNFCCC) and, on December 12, 2015, adopted by 10
consensus; and 11

WHEREAS, Article II of the Paris Agreement states that the 12
Agreement aims to enhance implementation of the UNFCCC by 13
holding the increase in the global average temperature to below 14
2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue 15
efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius 16
above such levels; and 17

WHEREAS, In 2014, the United States and China released a joint announcement on climate change indicating that the United States' stated intention is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 26 to 28 percent below 2005 levels by the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, The target set by the United States in 2014 in the 2014 Inventory of United States Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks includes reductions in emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆), and nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃); and

WHEREAS, An overwhelming majority of scientists agree that climate change is incontrovertible, continuously occurring, and caused primarily by human activity; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kasich has stated that the effects of climate change are a pressing matter, and that, by withdrawing from the Paris Agreement, the administration of President Donald J. Trump has forgone an opportunity to both expand U.S. leadership in clean energy technology and to create high-paying American jobs; and

WHEREAS, Efforts to combat climate change will act as a catalyst for new sustainable economic growth and will not hinder economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Increased energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions will support energy affordability for all Ohioans, thus creating healthier communities for current and future generations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, hereby affirm our commitment to achieving the aims of the Paris Agreement, including the target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 26 to 28 percent below 2005 levels by the year 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives	49
send duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the members	50
of the Ohio Congressional delegation, the Executive Office of	51
the President of the United States, and the news media of Ohio.	52