

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of diversifying  
2 energy sources for generating electricity in Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has  
4 developed a plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions of existing electric power plants as  
5 part of the Clean Power Plan, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. sec. 7411; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has issued a stay on the  
7 implementation of the Clean Power Plan by the EPA, pending review on the merits by the  
8 United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit; and

9 WHEREAS, since 2014, eight Kentucky power plants have been idled, partially  
10 retired, retired, or converted to natural gas as their fuel source; and

11 WHEREAS, since 2014, coal has decreased five percent as a fuel source for  
12 electricity in Kentucky; and

13 WHEREAS, since 2010, Kentucky has lost more than 10,000 coal jobs; and

14 WHEREAS, 29 states and the District of Columbia have mandatory renewable  
15 portfolio standards (RPS) that require retail electric suppliers to supply a certain  
16 percentage of electricity from renewable energy sources; and

17 WHEREAS, existing RPS policies apply to 55 percent of all electricity sales in the  
18 United States;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
21 ***Kentucky, the House of Representatives concurring therein:***

22 ➔Section 1. The Senate recognizes the societal health and economic benefits of  
23 developing a diversified energy strategy for Kentucky by establishing renewable portfolio  
24 standards.

25 ➔Section 2. The Senate encourages retail electric suppliers, municipal electric  
26 suppliers, energy-related associations, energy policy makers in both local and state  
27 agencies, and community organizations to discuss developing a statewide energy strategy

- 1 that establishes renewable portfolio standards for producing electricity in Kentucky.
- 2       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit copies of this
- 3 Resolution to Senator Reginald Thomas for distribution.