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5 (O), Ford, Hill, Ball, Ward, Williams (J), McClurkin, Fincher,  
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8 and Canfield  
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROVE H.R.  
4 4396, THE SAVE OUR ENERGY JOBS ACT.

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6 WHEREAS, in April 2007, the United States Supreme  
7 Court, in Massachusetts v. Environmental Protection Agency,  
8 found that the EPA has the authority under the Clean Air Act  
9 to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, should the EPA find  
10 these emissions to be harmful to public health and welfare;  
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12 WHEREAS, in December 2009, using this newfound  
13 authority, the EPA released a final endangerment finding that  
14 greenhouse gas emissions do endanger both public health and  
15 welfare; this finding was necessary to finalizing the EPA's  
16 proposed greenhouse gas emissions standards for light-duty  
17 vehicles; when finalized, this new EPA rule will classify  
18 greenhouse gases as officially regulated pollutants under the  
19 Clean Air Act; and

20 WHEREAS, the classification of greenhouse gases as  
21 regulated pollutants under the Clean Air Act would subject  
22 stationary sources, such as power plants, manufacturing  
23 facilities, hospitals, and commercial establishments, to  
24 unduly onerous regulation from the federal government,

1 endangering those sources and jeopardizing the livelihoods of  
2 the thousands of American workers they employ; and

3 WHEREAS, over four million jobs were lost in 2009  
4 and these proposed regulations have the potential to cause  
5 even more job losses; and

6 WHEREAS, the regulatory requirements of the Clean  
7 Air Act would overwhelm state agencies, which are not equipped  
8 to handle the estimated six million permitting requests  
9 anticipated; and

10 WHEREAS, this classification could subject American  
11 citizens to increased energy costs; and

12 WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Legislature that  
13 the United States Congress never intended the Clean Air Act to  
14 be used as a tool for the regulation of greenhouse gases or  
15 global climate change; in fact, U. S. Representative John  
16 Dingell, one of the principal authors of the Clean Air Act,  
17 predicted that using the Act to regulate greenhouse gases  
18 would result in a "glorious mess"; and

19 WHEREAS, comprehensive federal regulations to  
20 address global climate change should only be made at the  
21 direction of the United States Congress; and

22 WHEREAS, H.R. 4396 would amend the Clean Air Act to  
23 clarify that the term "air pollutant" does not include carbon  
24 dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons,  
25 perfluorocarbons, or sulphur hexafluoride; now therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby urge the United  
3 States Congress to approve H.R. 4396, the Save Our Energy Jobs  
4 Act, with all due haste.

5                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
6 resolution will be provided to each member of Alabama's  
7 Congressional Delegation.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
9 and was adopted by the House 09-FEB-10.

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Senate

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