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Recognizing the important contributions that local governments make to sustainable development and ensuring a viable future for our planet.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the important contributions that local governments make to sustainable development and ensuring a viable future for our planet.

Whereas the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan was chosen by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (in this concurrent resolution referred to as the “ICLEI”) to host the U.S. and Canadian Municipal Leaders Rio+10 Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations-sponsored 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (in this concurrent resolution referred to as the “2002 World Summit”);

Whereas the ICLEI strives to build and serve a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible im-

provements in global environmental and sustainable development conditions through cumulative local actions;

Whereas the goals of the 2002 World Summit are to generate momentum toward sustainable development and ensure a viable future for our planet;

Whereas the predecessor of the 2002 World Summit was the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, known as the Earth Summit;

Whereas local governments play a central role in the development of communities that respect ecological integrity, promote social well-being, and create economic vitality by developing and maintaining economic, social, and environmental infrastructures, overseeing local planning processes, establishing local environmental policies and regulations, and assisting in implementing national environmental policies;

Whereas the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan is a member of the ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection, an association of over 300 local governments from around the world dedicated to developing sustainable community-based solutions to local and global environmental problems;

Whereas the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan is a designated Department of Energy Clean City in recognition of the city's efforts to purchase alternative fuel vehicles, build alternative fuel infrastructure, and educate the community about the use of alternative fuel vehicles in order to enhance energy security and environmental quality;

Whereas the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan is a member of the Environmental Protection Agency's Green Lights Program and has retrofitted over 20 city buildings with energy efficient lighting;

Whereas the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan developed an innovative Municipal Energy Fund to improve the energy efficiency of city facilities and provide community demonstrations of energy saving and renewable energy technologies that result in environmental stewardship and fiscal responsibility;

Whereas the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan has an Energy Plan that reduces energy use and encourages renewable energy, a Solid Waste Plan that encourages recycling, composting, and source reduction, and a Transportation Plan that reduces traffic congestion and vehicle miles traveled through the implementation of mass transit and alternate transportation programs;

Whereas the Environmental Management Team of the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan has a comprehensive program addressing environmental cleanup, environmental restoration, park and greenway development, energy efficiency, transportation alternatives, parks, infill development, and waste water management;

Whereas the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan was chosen from among 35 cities in North America to host the ICLEI's U.S. and Canadian Municipal Leaders Rio+10 Preparatory Meeting;

Whereas the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan is 1 of 6 cities worldwide selected to host a preparatory meeting for the 2002 World Summit; and

Whereas the University of Michigan and the residents of the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan are committed to communitywide initiatives to support sustainable development: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
2 *concurring)*, That Congress recognizes the city of Ann  
3 Arbor, Michigan and its residents for their dedication to  
4 building a community that respects ecological integrity,  
5 promotes social well-being, and creates economic vitality.

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