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Encouraging Americans to join others across the country in using their rebate checks to invest in renewable energy and energy-efficient products and services in order to save money, stimulate the economy, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2008

Mr. BAIRD (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. GORDON of Tennessee, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UPTON, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, and Mr. WAMP) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Encouraging Americans to join others across the country in using their rebate checks to invest in renewable energy and energy-efficient products and services in order to save money, stimulate the economy, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Whereas economists have concluded that the economy of the United States may be entering a recession;

Whereas Congress passed a stimulus package that will provide rebate checks to American families in an effort to provide a short-term stimulus to the economy;

Whereas the slowing economy is due in large part to the Nation's heavy reliance on limited energy resources and skyrocketing energy prices;

Whereas the cost of gasoline, electricity, and home heating oil has risen dramatically in recent years;

Whereas energy prices are expected to continue to increase;

Whereas the use of traditional energy sources results in greenhouse gas emissions which cause global warming and ocean acidification;

Whereas the United States, along with China, leads the world in greenhouse gas emissions and is responsible for approximately 20 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions;

Whereas the United States' dependence on foreign oil is a national security issue;

Whereas investment in renewable energy and energy-efficient products and services drives research and technological advances, generating job resources and opportunities;

Whereas reducing energy consumption and increasing the use of renewable energy will lower energy prices, reduce greenhouse gases, lessen our dependence on foreign oil, and create jobs;

Whereas reducing energy use will save consumers money over the longrun by lowering electricity, home heating oil, and gasoline costs; and

Whereas our Nation faces an unpredictable future if we do not make significant investments in renewable energy and energy-efficient products and services: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the United States House of Rep-
2 representatives—

3 (1) encourages Americans to join others across
4 the country in using their rebate checks to invest in
5 renewable energy and energy-efficient products and
6 services in order to save money, stimulate the econ-
7 omy, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

8 (2) urges retailers and service providers to offer
9 promotions to encourage Americans to use their re-
10 bate checks to invest in renewable energy and en-
11 ergy-efficient products and services.

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