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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the President of the United States to direct 1
the United States Department of Energy to ensure 2
the continuation of the uranium enrichment work 3
being developed by USEC, Inc., at its Piketon, 4
Ohio plant by granting USEC's application for a 5
federal loan guarantee and to direct the Secretary 6
of Energy to strongly consider providing federal 7
funding assistance for the Clean Energy Park 8
Demonstration Project. 9

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

WHEREAS, USEC, Inc. is a global and leading supplier of 10
enriched uranium fuel for commercial nuclear power plants; and 11

WHEREAS, USEC currently operates the American Centrifuge 12
Demonstration Facility in Piketon, Ohio, that develops next 13
generation uranium enrichment technology; and 14

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Energy (USDOE) 15
currently is considering USEC's application for a federal loan 16

guarantee for the construction of its American Centrifuge Plant in 17
Piketon; and 18

WHEREAS, USEC and the Ohio General Assembly believe that the 19
American Centrifuge Plant project has met the financial and 20
technical requirements of the USDOE's Loan Guarantee Program as 21
well as President Obama's policy objectives for energy security 22
and climate change goals and that the plant has demonstrated with 23
confidence that it is technologically ready to transition to 24
commercial operation; and 25

WHEREAS, The construction and operation of the American 26
Centrifuge Plant will create up to an estimated 8,000 jobs, 27
approximately half of which will be in Ohio; and 28

WHEREAS, USDOE's failure to grant a loan guarantee will force 29
USEC, at a critical time in Ohio's economy, to demobilize its 30
American Centrifuge Plant uranium enrichment project jeopardizing 31
the expansion efforts at the Piketon plant and resulting in job 32
losses in Ohio and several other states; and 33

WHEREAS, President Obama has expressed his support for the 34
American Centrifuge Plant when campaigning in Ohio; and 35

WHEREAS, In a separate effort, USEC, the Southern Ohio 36
Diversification Initiative, and power developers have joined to 37
form the Southern Ohio Clean Energy Park Alliance for the purpose 38
of pursuing the proposed development of a Clean Energy Park 39
Demonstration Project at the USDOE site in Piketon and to support 40
reindustrialization and asset reutilization as the cleanup work at 41
this site nears completion; and 42

WHEREAS, The Alliance proposes to evaluate the Portsmouth 43
Gaseous Diffusion Plant site in Piketon as a potential location 44
for a new nuclear power plant and include in the evaluation both a 45
plant siting study and the preparation of licensing documents for 46
submission to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission as 47

part of its Early Site Permit process; and 48

WHEREAS, A Generation III+ nuclear power reactor located at 49
this site, would create over 2,000 construction jobs with an 50
estimated payroll of \$1.2 billion over six years and add 51
approximately 500 permanent professional and technical jobs to the 52
region without producing carbon emissions; and 53

WHEREAS, A shared funding approach between the USDOE and the 54
Alliance is an appropriate method of funding this multi-billion 55
dollar project due to possible environmental contamination at the 56
Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant site, and whereby, under this 57
approach, the USDOE would fund the preparation of the Early Site 58
Permit and the Combined Operating License Application, and then 59
the Alliance would fund the nuclear power plant project as it 60
progresses; and 61

WHEREAS, The USDOE has the authority to direct federal funds 62
toward projects such as the Clean Energy Park Demonstration 63
Project; now therefore be it 64

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly 65
of the State of Ohio, urge the President of the United States to 66
direct the Secretary of USDOE to award USEC, at the earliest 67
opportunity, the federal loan guarantee for which it applied; and 68
be it further 69

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly 70
of the State of Ohio, urge the President of the United States to 71
direct the Secretary of USDOE to give strong consideration to the 72
request made by the Southern Ohio Clean Energy Park Alliance for 73
federal funding assistance for the Clean Energy Park Demonstration 74
Project in Piketon, Ohio; and be it further 75

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 76
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 77
President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States 78

Department of Energy, the members of the Ohio Congressional	79
delegation, the Governor of Ohio, the Board of Pike County	80
Commissioners, and the news media of Ohio.	81