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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 212

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Energy and Natural Resources and the Public Service Commission to study the legality and feasibility of utilizing nuclear energy in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Louisiana recognizes the need to develop diverse and reliable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, nuclear energy has improved in both efficiency and technology within recent years, thereby making it safer and more efficient; and

WHEREAS, states throughout the country are developing nuclear energy programs to improve their grid reliability; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission are working to streamline the regulatory process for new reactor technologies; and

WHEREAS, the demand for reliable, affordable energy continues to increase significantly each year; and

WHEREAS, nuclear energy is the world's second largest source of low emissions electricity after hydropower; and

WHEREAS, research and development efforts are focused on improving nuclear waste management, including solutions for safely storing and disposing of spent fuel and developing methods for recycling or transforming radioactive materials; and

WHEREAS, nuclear energy is a well established and underutilized technology that is making a comeback with increased investment, technological advances, and supportive policies throughout the country and the world.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Energy and Natural Resources and the Public Service Commission to research the legality and feasibility of using nuclear energy generation within the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Energy and Natural Resources and the Public Service Commission should consider the advantages and disadvantages of nuclear energy generation in this state including the economic and environmental impacts, the impacts on the workforce for constructing and staffing nuclear energy generation facilities, and evaluations and recommendations on the following:

- (1) Site characteristics and industrial uses.
- (2) Environmental and ecological impacts.
- (3) Safety criteria.
- (4) Local and state tax impacts.
- (5) Job creation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources and to the chairman of the Public Service Commission.

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