

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5027

By Committee on Vision 2020

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to build awareness and momentum to
2 establish an alliance to promote solar energy and solar electric
3 cooperatives in Kansas.

4 WHEREAS, Greenhouse gas emission reductions are priorities for
5 federal agencies as well as many scientists and Kansans; and

6 WHEREAS, Solar energy can help address America's electric energy
7 requirements, create jobs and reduce greenhouse gases; and

8 WHEREAS, Promoting solar energy's potential in Kansas requires
9 regulatory, institutional, financial and educational solutions to market
10 barriers; and

11 WHEREAS, Solar energy is appropriate for distributive generation and
12 can be integrated architecturally in new and retro-fitted buildings; and

13 WHEREAS, Solar energy is the renewable electricity generation
14 system to produce electricity at peak demand times with the lowest
15 emission footprint; and

16 WHEREAS, Solar energy systems on Kansas homes and businesses
17 can create demand for products that result in manufacturing and other
18 companies locating in Kansas, thereby improving the state's economic and
19 job statuses; and

20 WHEREAS, Electric and other cooperatives have demonstrated the
21 economic and political value of individual Kansans banding together to
22 achieve common goals and benefits; and

23 WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature has recognized and created
24 opportunities for the creation of electric and other types of cooperatives;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Solar electric cooperatives may be a means by which
27 individual Kansans can collaboratively and cost-effectively develop our
28 state's renewable energy potential; and

29 WHEREAS, The nation's desire to transition to electric and other
30 nontraditional forms of transportation will create greater demands to
31 produce electricity in environmentally friendly ways; and

32 WHEREAS, Kansas and Kansans want to be leaders in the
33 environmental, economic and energy sectors' development of renewable
34 energy: Now, therefore,

35 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,
36 the Senate concurring therein: That we urge the people of Kansas to

1 explore opportunities to reduce their electricity expenses and contribute to
2 a more environmentally friendly electric system by learning about solar
3 energy technologies and their ability to serve part of our electric needs;
4 and

5 *Be it further resolved:* That Kansans should explore innovative ways of
6 financing and integrating solar energy to meet the electric needs of
7 individual Kansans and businesses; and

8 *Be it further resolved:* That the people of Kansas and state agencies are
9 encouraged to learn more about solar energy's potential to help grow our
10 state's economy; and

11 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send an
12 enrolled copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Kansas Press
13 Association, the Kansas Association of Broadcasters and the Kansas
14 Corporation Commission, who shall post the resolution on the
15 Commission's website.
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