

House Resolution 1865

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, Roberts of the 154th, Keen of the 179th, and May of the 111th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Environmental Protection Agency to cease its carbon dioxide reduction policies
2 until climate data and global warming science are substantiated; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, proposed cap and trade legislation before the United States Congress, together
4 with potential state actions to reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂), would result in significantly
5 higher energy costs to American consumers, business, and industry; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "Endangerment
7 Finding" and proposed action to regulate CO₂ under the Clean Air Act is based on
8 questionable climate data and would place significant regulatory and financial burdens on
9 all sectors of the nation's economy at a time when the nation's unemployment rate exceeds
10 10 percent; and

11 WHEREAS, global temperatures have been level and declining in some areas over the
12 past 12 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the "hockey stick" global warming assertion has been discredited and climate
14 change alarmists' carbon dioxide related global warming hypothesis is unable to account for
15 the current downturn in global temperatures; and

16 WHEREAS, there is a statistically more direct correlation between twentieth century
17 temperature rise and chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's) in the atmosphere than CO₂; and

18 WHEREAS, outlawed and largely phased out by 1978, in the year 2000 CFC's began to
19 decline at approximately the same time as global temperatures began to decline; and

20 WHEREAS, e-mails and other communications between climate researchers around the
21 globe, referred to as "Climategate," indicate a well-organized and ongoing effort to
22 manipulate global temperature data in order to produce a global warming outcome; and

23 WHEREAS, there has been a concerted effort by climate change alarmists to marginalize
24 those in the scientific community who are skeptical of global warming by manipulating or
25 pressuring peer-reviewed publications to keep contrary or competing scientific viewpoints
26 and findings on global warming from being reviewed and published; and

27 WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a blend of government
28 officials and scientists, does no independent climate research but relies on global climate
29 researchers; and

30 WHEREAS, Earth's climate is constantly changing with recent warming potentially an
31 indication of a return to more normal temperatures following a prolonged cooling period
32 from 1250 to 1860 called the "Little Ice Age"; and

33 WHEREAS, more than \$7 billion annually in federal government grants may have
34 influenced the climate research focus and findings that have produced a "scientific
35 consensus" at research institutions and universities; and

36 WHEREAS, the recently completed Copenhagen climate change summit resulted in little
37 agreement, especially among growing CO2 emitting nations like China and India, and called
38 on the United States to pay billions of dollars to developing countries to reduce CO2
39 emissions at a time when the United States' national debt will exceed \$12 trillion; and

40 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture estimates that current legislation
41 providing agriculture offsets and carbon credits to reduce CO2 emissions would result in tree
42 planting on 59 million acres of crop and pasture land, damaging America's food security and
43 rural communities; and

44 WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, 1.6 billion people do not have
45 adequate food and clean water; and

46 WHEREAS, global governance related to global warming and reduction of CO2 would
47 ultimately lock billions of human beings into long-term poverty.

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
49 GEORGIA that this body urges the United States Environmental Protection Agency to
50 immediately halt its carbon dioxide reduction policies and programs and withdraw its

51 "Endangerment Finding" and related regulations until a full and independent investigation
52 of climate data and global warming science can be substantiated.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
54 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the United States
55 Environmental Protection Agency and to the members of Georgia's congressional delegation.