

House Resolution 510

By: Representatives Marin of the 96th and Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Georgia state government to support a policy framework that accelerates the
2 deployment, infrastructure, and production of nuclear and renewable energy in the United
3 States; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, clean low-carbon energy from nuclear and renewable sources is beneficial to
5 the economy, environment, and our communities; and

6 WHEREAS, America's 104 nuclear power plants currently generate 20 percent of the
7 electricity for our homes and businesses around the clock without emitting pollutants or
8 greenhouse gases into the atmosphere; and

9 WHEREAS, renewable energy sources, including solar, wind, and biomass power, are
10 becoming more reliable in use and efficiency, currently generating 10 percent of the
11 electricity in the United States this year; and

12 WHEREAS, the scientists of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
13 recommend urgent action to halt the rise in world greenhouse gas emissions and then
14 recommend reducing those emissions by half of 1990 levels by the year 2050; and

15 WHEREAS, in order to achieve necessary greenhouse gas reductions, new nuclear energy
16 generation power plants are an essential component in assuring an affordable, proven, and
17 reliable electricity generation mix; and

18 WHEREAS, the expansion of clean energy infrastructure and production in the United States
19 presents an opportunity to significantly reduce the country's reliance on foreign energy
20 sources, ensure sustainable energy generation, create long-term employment opportunities,
21 and provide the infrastructure for economic expansion; and

22 WHEREAS, a new nuclear plant will provide employment for as many as 2,400 workers
23 during a four-year construction phase and 400 to 700 permanent jobs that cannot be
24 outsourced; and

25 WHEREAS, clean energy industries are developing and expanding domestic supply chains
26 to the benefit of local communities struggling with high unemployment rates; and

27 WHEREAS, the clean energy industry is working with community colleges around the
28 country to develop and implement education and training programs to enable more students
29 to enter the clean energy workforce and benefit from good jobs, excellent benefits, and
30 community enhancement; and

31 WHEREAS, various state laws and regulations have been enacted across the nation to
32 provide tax incentives, early cost recovery for new project construction, and portfolio
33 standards inclusive of low-carbon generating technologies; and

34 WHEREAS, leadership in the states is crucial to creating an environment supportive of new
35 clean energy projects that will increase energy security, assure long-term stability and
36 affordability of electricity prices, and build a competitive and sustainable future for
37 Americans.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body recognize the importance of transitioning to a clean energy future
40 and the urgency required to meet this challenge, urge state officials to pursue an accelerated
41 deployment of clean energy production and infrastructure, and support federal initiatives for
42 providing low-risk financing assistance for clean energy projects, including the current Title
43 XVII loan guarantee program for nuclear and renewable energy projects.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to members of the public and
46 the press.