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Committee Assigned: Utilities and Natural Resources

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**RESOLUTION**

**To require that all coal-fired electric generating plants restrict pollutants emissions**

A RESOLUTION TO: Require that all coal-fired electric generating plants restrict pollutants emissions

WHEREAS, one company has been placed on a fast track by the Governor of the State of Texas for approval to build 16 coal gasification plants to solve the growing energy needs of Texas without sufficient regard to damaging the air and polluting the environment; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to employ a range of energy alternatives in our state to avoid serious health complications to our seniors from the use of a technology lacking proven environmental effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, Texas has the capability of using nuclear, wind, solar, and several other sources for energy, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the 11<sup>th</sup> Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80th Texas Legislature pass legislation that requires all coal-fired electric generating plants (whether existing or new construction) restrict emissions of CO2 and other pollutants to meet or exceed the existing and future Federal clean air standards within 5 years of their passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006, by the Utilities & Natural Resources Committee.

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Richard A. Landry, Jr. , Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006, by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

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Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

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Carlos Higgins, Secretary