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Recognizing that facilities that produce renewable electricity are the cheapest power-generating facilities to operate and reliance on fossil fuel-generating facilities to meet growing power demand drives up wholesale electricity prices.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. WELCH, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

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Whereas electricity prices are generally determined by the level of demand for power and the cost of generating such power used to meet the demand;

Whereas the demand for power in the United States is growing faster than at any point in the past 2 decades;

Whereas power generators with the lowest operating costs are typically dispatched first, thereby meeting the demand for power at the lowest cost;

Whereas, as the demand for power increases, power generators with higher operating costs are dispatched, thereby driving up wholesale electricity prices;

Whereas fossil-power generation from coal, fossil gas, and oil has high operating costs due to the cost of fuel and maintenance; and

Whereas the generation of wind, solar, and other renewable resources has near-zero operating costs: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes that—

2 (1) facilities that produce renewable electricity
3 are the cheapest electricity-generating facilities to
4 operate to meet the demand for power; and

5 (2) reliance on fossil fuel-generating facilities to
6 meet the growing demand for power drives up whole-
7 sale electricity prices.

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