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Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States and the People's Republic of China are the world's largest producers, consumers, and importers of energy and account for 36 percent of global primary energy use and 41 percent of global carbon dioxide emissions;

Whereas, in 2007, China surpassed the United States to become the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases and China is projected to increase emissions of greenhouse gases by 3.3 percent annually during the next 2 decades;

Whereas, by working together to tackle shared economic, environmental, and security challenges, the United States

and China can more quickly and cost-effectively develop and implement cleaner, 21st-century energy systems;

Whereas efforts to develop and implement such systems will benefit from a foundation in sound science and policies that rely on and augment the vast technical capabilities and resources of both the United States and China; and

Whereas an action plan resulting from a bilateral agreement on clean energy cooperation between the United States and China may serve as a catalyst for the economic growth of the United States, an expression of United States foreign policy with respect to mitigating climate change, and a means for accelerating the development of a global clean energy economy: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the United States and the People’s Republic
3 of China should negotiate a bilateral agreement
4 under which the United States and China agree to
5 cooperate in the development and use of clean en-
6 ergy; and

7 (2) the negotiation of such an agreement would
8 send a clear signal to the world community that the
9 United States is ready to lead a robust effort to
10 mitigate global climate change that involves all coun-
11 tries that are major emitters of greenhouse gases.

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