

A RESOLUTION requesting the Kentucky Congressional Delegation to support measures that allow the United States Bureau of Land Management (US BLM) to dedicate the federal portion of coal royalty revenues to the demonstration of carbon capture and storage technologies (CCS).

WHEREAS, the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 as amended by the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947 authorized the United States Bureau of Land Management (US BLM) in the Department of the Interior to allow for coal leasing on 570 million acres of federal lands; and

WHEREAS, production royalties from federal coal have been established in law with roughly 50 % returning to states and the remainder being retained by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, US BLM's coal leasing program has been criticized by environmental groups who subsequently filed suit against US BLM for not supporting efforts to control carbon dioxide emissions and mitigate the impact of climate change; and

WHEREAS, this perspective of trying to destroy coal economies in order to secure global environmental welfare is short-sighted because solutions exist that will allow for the use of a safe, affordable, reliable energy resources like coal while still mitigating any potential harmful effects to the environment; and

WHEREAS, because of the small percentage of federal land in Kentucky, there is little interest by companies looking for coal leases on federal lands; however, the federal royalty portion exacted from all states that have a stake in maintaining the viability of their respective coal industries should be utilized to enhance national energy security by funding carbon capture and sequestration projects in the United States Department of Energy (US DOE); and

WHEREAS, by dedicating the federal portion of coal lease revenues to carbon capture and sequestration projects, both the US BLM and the US DOE are working cooperatively to enhance the nation's economy, the global environment, state coal-

dependent economies, and national energy security; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔Section 1. The Kentucky Congressional Delegation is encouraged to sponsor and support legislation and policies by the US BLM to use federal royalties from coal leases on federal lands to support carbon capture and storage technologies. Support can be in the form of better cost share funding for projects in the US DOE and new project funding for technologies that will accelerate the development and deployment of carbon capture and storage including enhanced oil recovery (EOR).

➔Section 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the members of the Kentucky congressional delegations; the Director Neil Kornze, United States Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 5665, Washington, DC 20240; and Dr. Ernest Moniz, Secretary of Energy, United States Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.