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SYNOPSIS

Supports designation of Atlantic City as international center on global warming and climate change.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** supporting the designation of Atlantic City
2 as an international center on global warming and climate change.

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4 **WHEREAS**, Global warming is the rise in the average temperature of
5 the Earth's climate, and its related effects; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Rising sea levels due to global warming and climate
7 change will lead to coastal flooding on the Eastern seaboard,
8 including New Jersey; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Because of global warming and climate change, forests,
10 farms, and cities will face troublesome new pests, heat waves,
11 heavy downpours, and increased flooding which will collectively
12 damage or destroy agriculture and fisheries; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Melting glaciers, early snowmelt, and severe droughts will
14 cause more dramatic water shortages and increase the risk of
15 wildfires; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Discussion regarding the impacts of global warming and
17 climate change is imperative in order to avoid its worst effects; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Atlantic City has the infrastructure to become an
19 international hub for discussions on global warming and climate
20 change; and

21 **WHEREAS**, In particular, Atlantic City has ample conference facilities,
22 several world class hotels, a conveniently located international
23 airport, and easily accessible transportation by way of trains, buses,
24 and roadways; and

25 **WHEREAS**, These outstanding facilities allow Atlantic City to
26 welcome scientists, academics, climate experts, government
27 officials, representatives from international organizations, and
28 concerned citizens across the nation and around the world to
29 discuss issues relating to global warming and climate change; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Because Atlantic City is itself vulnerable to the impacts of
31 global warming and climate change through sea-level rise, it is the
32 perfect place to spearhead conversations about the effects of global
33 warming and climate change, and the ideal location to conduct
34 plenary sessions and meetings covering a wide range of topics
35 dealing with all aspects of the issue; now, therefore,

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37 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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39 1. This House fully supports the designation of Atlantic City as
40 an international center on global warming and climate change to
41 facilitate conversations about the effects of global warming and
42 climate change and to increase public awareness of the importance
43 of global warming and climate change and their related effects on
44 the economy, health, and environment of all citizens of the State,
45 the nation, and around the globe.

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47 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
48 shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the

1 Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection
2 Agency, the Region II Administrator of the United States
3 Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary-General of the
4 United Nations, each member of Congress elected from the State of
5 New Jersey, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of
6 Environmental Protection, and the Mayor of Atlantic City.

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9 STATEMENT

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11 This resolution supports the efforts of Atlantic City to become an
12 international center on global warming and climate change to
13 facilitate conversations about the effects of global warming and
14 climate change and to increase public awareness of the importance
15 of global warming and climate change and their related effects on
16 the economy, health, and environment of all citizens of the State,
17 the nation, and around the globe.

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19 climate, and its related effects. Rising sea levels due to global
20 warming and climate change will lead to coastal flooding on the
21 Eastern seaboard, including New Jersey. Because of global warming
22 and climate change, forests, farms, and cities will face troublesome
23 new pests, heat waves, heavy downpours, and increased flooding
24 which will collectively damage or destroy agriculture and fisheries.
25 Melting glaciers, early snowmelt, and severe droughts will cause more
26 dramatic water shortages and increase the risk of wildfires. Discussion
27 regarding the impacts of global warming and climate change is
28 imperative in order to avoid its worst effects.

29 Atlantic City has the infrastructure to become an international hub
30 for discussions on global warming and climate change. In particular,
31 Atlantic City has ample conference facilities, several world class
32 hotels, a conveniently located international airport, and easily
33 accessible transportation by way of trains, buses, and roadways. Its
34 easily accessible location, conference space, and hotel facilities allow
35 Atlantic City to welcome scientists, academics, climate experts,
36 government officials, representatives from international organizations,
37 and concerned citizens across the nation and around the world to
38 discuss issues relating to global warming and climate change.

39 Because Atlantic City is itself vulnerable to the impacts of global
40 warming and climate change through sea-level rise, it is the perfect
41 place to spearhead conversations about the effects of global warming
42 and climate change, and the ideal location to conduct plenary sessions
43 and meetings covering a wide range of topics dealing with all aspects
44 of the issue.