

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0011

Wyoming coal to carbon products.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Biteman, Anderson, Baldwin,
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Steinmetz and Von Flatern and
Representative(s) Jennings

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION expressing the state of Wyoming's strong
2 encouragement for research and development of coal-to-carbon
3 products as important new technological and manufacturing
4 industries in Wyoming and the United States of America.

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6 WHEREAS, coal is one of Wyoming's proud and valued industries;
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9 WHEREAS, using innovation from high tech manufacturing to
10 turn coal into products will entail a higher demand for coal
11 and will create future new jobs in the coal industry; and

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13 WHEREAS, research, development and manufacturing of coal-to-
14 carbon products can create carbon-based precursors for fibers

1 and resins, nanomedical devices, construction related
2 materials, asphalt, graphene, graphite and more; and

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4 WHEREAS, independent studies have shown that the thousands of
5 potential jobs to be created by the coal-to-carbon products
6 industry include opportunities across many different levels
7 of education, including machine tool operators, mechanics,
8 material scientists, electrical engineers and more; and

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10 WHEREAS, private business is now investing millions of
11 nontaxpayer dollars in Wyoming into coal-to-carbon product
12 development as well as constructing state of the art
13 manufacturing facilities to incubate and enhance advanced
14 carbon technologies; and

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16 WHEREAS, the state of Wyoming in a budget shortfall should
17 not be competing with private sector investment into coal-
18 to-carbon product technology development; and

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20 WHEREAS, nonthermal and higher tech uses of Wyoming coal are
21 a reality soon to be commercially viable as developed by the
22 private sector; and

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1 WHEREAS, resulting from private sector investment, including
2 plans to develop a fully integrated mine mouth facility to
3 advance technology for Wyoming coal-to-carbon products,
4 Wyoming will be the world's first center for advanced carbon
5 research and manufacturing.

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7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
8 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

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10 **Section 1.** That coal-to-carbon product technology,
11 research and manufacturing present an exciting and job
12 producing new dynamic in Wyoming, and the State encourages
13 the private sector to thrive in its pursuits and investment
14 into this innovative Wyoming industry.

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16 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
17 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
18 United States, the Wyoming Congressional Delegation, the
19 Secretary of the United States Department of Energy and the
20 boards of county commissioners in each county in Wyoming.

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