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Resolution sponsored by: Senator Cam Ward, Alabama
Senator William E. "Bill" Sandifer, III, South Carolina
Representative Chuck Martin, Georgia

5.2016 – Resolution Encouraging ongoing Bipartisan Efforts to Spur Development of Advanced Nuclear Reactors and Innovative Nuclear Technologies

WHEREAS, nuclear energy is a key component of the South’s enviable, reliable, diverse energy portfolio and nuclear technology must continue to evolve and modernize to meet future economic and environmental goals in the Southern States Energy Board region and throughout our Nation, and

WHEREAS, a host of foreign firms and governments already are devoting substantial intellectual and financial resources toward development of innovative reactor technologies to seize emerging markets, and

WHEREAS, current U.S. regulatory requirements and licensing procedures handicap the domestic nuclear industry’s ability to develop, test and deploy advanced large light water reactors, small modular light water reactors and advanced non-light water reactors to help meet worldwide electricity demand that is projected to grow significantly in coming decades, and

WHEREAS, sponsors in both chambers of the U.S. Congress are working on bipartisan proposals which would direct the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to prioritize staff resources and modernize its regulatory framework to accommodate review of a range of innovative nuclear technologies and provide a phased, risk-informed licensing process that gives policymakers, industry and investors predictability and confidence going forward.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southern States Energy Board endorses an “all-of-the-above” nuclear future for the SSEB region and the Nation served by a responsive, efficient regulatory framework that allows for timely, cost-effective development of innovative reactor technologies that set world standards for safety and reliability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SSEB supports ongoing bipartisan efforts in Congress to enact legislation to reform the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in order to speed research, development and deployment of innovative reactor technologies by American industry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SSEB requests that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Southern Congressional Delegation, the President of the United States, the chairs and ranking members of the U.S. Senate Committees on Environment & Public Works and Energy & Natural Resources, the chairs and ranking members of the U.S. House of Representatives Committees on Energy & Commerce and Science, Space & Technology, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy and the Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.