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7.2013 – Resolution Encouraging High Performance State Buildings

WHEREAS, the Southern States Energy Board (SSEB) is dedicated to the goals of energy efficiency, economic growth, and enhancement of the region's building product industries; and

WHEREAS, SSEB encourages southern states to adopt policies and procedures that improve the energy performance of new and existing buildings throughout the SSEB member states; and

WHEREAS, the construction and remodeling of state owned and financed buildings can increase the demand for building and construction materials, finishes, furnishings and other products made in or incorporating materials produced in the states; and

WHEREAS, the environmental quality in the southern states can advance by improving the energy performance of state buildings; and

WHEREAS, the SSEB member states should undertake initiatives that foster cost effective construction and remodeling of energy efficient, high-performance buildings; and

WHEREAS, reducing long-term operation and maintenance costs of state buildings contributes to the economic health of the southern states; and

WHEREAS, to insure long-term energy conservation, buildings must be designed and constructed to meet or exceed energy code standards; and

WHEREAS, green building rating systems can help design high performance buildings, but the new United States Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) v.4 could limit the use of products produced in the southern states and potentially eliminates the use of dozens of approved materials and hundreds of proven products while driving up costs to the taxpayer and threatening jobs in SSEB member states; and

WHEREAS, LEED also limits the use of southern forest products even though southern forests are managed by thousands of tree farmers and timber growers to meet numerous environmental and economic needs of the southern states.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that new state buildings should be designed, constructed and certified to meet or exceed the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) 90.1.2010 energy standard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to achieve high performance buildings, state construction projects should utilize a nationally recognized, consensus based code (the International Green Construction Code or IGCC), standard (ASHRAE 189.1), or program (the Green Building Institute's Green Globe program) that does not disadvantage materials or products manufactured or produced in the southern states; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SSEB is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to appropriate persons in each SSEB member state including state energy officials and chairs of state legislative energy committees.