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WHEREAS, the mission of the Southern States Energy Board is “to enhance economic development and the quality of life in the South, through innovations in energy and environmental programs, policies and technologies”; and

WHEREAS, the Southern States Energy Board bases its mission and vision on a strong and prosperous Southern region powered by clean, affordable, reliable and secure energy resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to develop and sustain American economic leadership by improving industrial and manufacturing processes through effective and more efficient energy technology deployment; and

WHEREAS, energy use in commercial and residential buildings represents a significant opportunity for improved efficiency and distributed resource deployment; and

WHEREAS, our transition to a global clean energy economy requires the demonstration of new technologies that employ all energy resources including renewable energy, clean coal, energy efficiency, distributed energy and oil and natural gas with protection mechanisms for our environment; and

WHEREAS, the scientific application and advancement of innovative technologies can lead to breakthroughs that provide a strategic investment in America’s energy future, modernize our infrastructure and mitigate the effects of climate challenges; and

WHEREAS, high volume process engineering, industry alignment, supply chain development, new business models and standardization will cause industry to achieve additional cost reductions resulting in the breaking down of market barriers for technology development; and

WHEREAS, the past programs, committees and coalitions of the Southern States Energy Board, from its inception in 1960, include addressing cutting edge energy issues facing its member states and territories such as alternative transportation fuels; generation of electric power from a variety of energy resources; energy efficiency in homes, buildings and industries; integration of a reliable, resilient and efficient interstate electric energy grid system; support for technologies that improve clean energy manufacturing industries; facilitation of technology development; and solid waste management.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Southern States Energy Board calls on the United States Secretary of Energy to work in collaboration with the Board to expand the opportunity for clean energy technology innovations and applications in Southern states to maximize sustainable economic development for a thriving and successful future.