

# House Resolution 127 - Introduced

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 127

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1 A Resolution in support of extending the federal  
2 production tax credit for wind energy.

3 WHEREAS, Iowa is the second largest producer of wind  
4 energy in the nation, just behind Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Iowa leads the nation in wind generation as  
6 a percentage of total power output; and

7 WHEREAS, it has been estimated that 75 percent of  
8 Iowa is suitable for wind energy development with an  
9 estimated total wind resource of 570,000 megawatts; and

10 WHEREAS, 1,000 megawatts of energy can power 250,000  
11 homes and is equivalent to removing the emissions  
12 placed in the atmosphere by 682,000 cars in the state  
13 in one year's time; and

14 WHEREAS, the wind energy industry in Iowa  
15 currently employs at least 3,000 full-time workers in  
16 manufacturing, operations, and maintenance with an  
17 estimated annual payroll in excess of \$70 million; and

18 WHEREAS, the federal production tax credit for wind  
19 energy provides a 2.2 percent per kilowatt-hour tax  
20 credit for the first 10 years of electricity production  
21 from utility-scale wind turbines; and

22 WHEREAS, the production tax credit has repeatedly  
23 been allowed to sunset and then extended since original  
24 enactment, which has contributed to a boom-bust cycle  
25 of development that has been detrimental to the wind  
26 industry; and

27 WHEREAS, the federal production tax credit for

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1 wind energy is currently set to expire at the end of  
2 2012; NOW THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
4 the House of Representatives supports the extension of  
5 the federal production tax credit applicable to wind  
6 energy; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
8 resolution be sent to the members of Iowa's  
9 congressional delegation and to the President of the  
10 United States.