

Senate Resolution 103 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 103

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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 third largest producer of wind
4 energy in the nation; 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 currently
15 employs several thousand full-time workers in
16 manufacturing, operations, and maintenance with a
17 substantial annual payroll; and

18 WHEREAS, the federal production tax credit for
19 wind energy reflects the economic, environmental, and
20 national security benefits of clean homegrown renewable
21 electricity; and

1 WHEREAS, the federal production tax credit for wind
2 energy has fostered innovation in the wind energy
3 industry and will encourage further innovation if
4 extended; and

5 WHEREAS, the federal production tax credit for wind
6 energy provides a 2.2 percent per kilowatt-hour tax
7 credit for the first 10 years of electricity production
8 from utility-scale wind turbines; and

9 WHEREAS, the federal production tax credit for
10 wind energy has repeatedly been allowed to sunset and
11 then extended since its original enactment, which has
12 contributed to a boom-bust cycle of development that
13 has been detrimental to the wind industry; and

14 WHEREAS, the federal production tax credit for wind
15 energy expired on December 31, 2013; NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
17 supports the extension of the federal production tax
18 credit for wind energy, preferably for a multiple-year
19 period to maximize the benefits of the production tax
20 credit; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
22 resolution be sent to the members of Iowa's
23 congressional delegation and to the President of the
24 United States.