

MISSOURI ENERGY TASK FORCE RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS, reliable and affordable energy is essential to the welfare of Missouri Citizens; and

WHEREAS, Governor Blunt has appointed the Missouri Energy Task Force to provide specific recommendations to assist Missourians who need help affording their winter heating bills; and

WHEREAS, emergency funds for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) are already exhausted in many areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, Governor Blunt has recommended a \$6.1 million emergency supplemental appropriation, the maximum amount allowed by law, for Utilicare; and

WHEREAS, Utilicare is a state-funded program that supplements LIHEAP and this appropriation could be used to provide immediate assistance to approximately 13,000 low-income Missourians.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Missouri Energy Task Force recommends that the Members of the Missouri House of Representatives and the Missouri Senate expedite passage of this legislation.

THEREFORE, be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to all members of the Missouri General Assembly.