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4 *ASG Senate Resolution No. 14*

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11 **A Resolution to Support Solar Panel Projects on Campus**

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13 Whereas, The University of Arkansas is dedicated to reducing carbon
14 emissions to the same levels as they were in 1990 by 2021
15 and to achieving carbon neutrality in 2040. These goals,
16 which have been approved by Chancellor Steinmetz, can be
17 accomplished through investments in alternative energy
18 projects.

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20 Whereas, In 2019, the Arkansas House and Senate previously passed
21 SB 145; a bill aiming to expand the economy by permitting
22 the sale and purchase of solar panels within the state. This
23 measure enables institutions to implement cost-efficient and
24 energy-preserving solar panel programs.

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26 Whereas, The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture (UADA)
27 is currently developing a solar services agreement for clean
28 energy production.

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30 Whereas, As cited in a third party report regarding the UADA's current
31 pursuit of alternative energy and the potential for project
32 expansion for the main campus, these projects will save the
33 UA System ~\$4-5 million over the contract term (~20 years),
34 with no upfront costs. Additionally, UADA's electricity rates
35 will decrease by ~27% through this solar services agreement.

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37 Whereas, While the UADA solar panel project is officially approved,
38 the further expansion of solar panel technologies for the
39 main campus at UA Fayetteville has not yet been approved.

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41 Be it therefore resolved: That the Associated Student Government
42 Senate encourages the University of Arkansas
43 administration to invest in a solar services
44 agreement for the UA Fayetteville campus.

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Be it further resolved:

That the Associated Student Government Senate supports the University of Arkansas sustainability goals of net neutrality by 2040 and the maintenance of 1990's carbon emission levels by 2021 and asks the Board of Trustees to consider these in their decision.

Be it finally resolved:

A copy of this legislation will be sent to Mike Johnson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management, Eric Boles, Director of the Office for Sustainability, Chancellor Joseph Steinmetz, Morrill Harriman, Chair of Building and Grounds Committee for the Board of Trustees, and Ann Bordelon, the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration and a member of the Chancellor's Executive Committee.

Amendments: _____

Vote Count: Aye _____ Nay _____ Abstentions _____

Legislation Status: Passed _____ Failed _____ Other _____

Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

Julia Nall, ASG President Date