
RESOLUTION 2—H.F.No.2688

A resolution urging Congress and the President to establish the Solar Energy Research Institute in Minnesota.

WHEREAS, a Solar Energy Research Institute located in Minnesota would be easily accessible to all parts of the country because of the state's central location and the presence of a major international airport; and

WHEREAS, the persons the Solar Energy Research Institute would seek to employ would be attracted to work in Minnesota because of the high quality of life existing in the state as measured by housing, schools, cultural environment, and health facilities; and

WHEREAS, if the Solar Energy Research Institute were located in Minnesota, interaction between the Institute's personnel and other research and development institutions would be enhanced because Minnesota is a research and development center, and because transportation systems serving the state provide easy transportation to other research and development centers; and

WHEREAS, the University of Minnesota is one of the nation's leading educational institutions capable of providing a continuing education program for the personnel of the Solar Energy Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, local industry is capable of constructing, machining or fabricating whatever is required by the Solar Energy Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's highly skilled and well educated labor force is capable of supplying support personnel capable of performing any of various tasks undertaken by the Solar Energy Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota contains a large number of high quality public and private institutions of higher education which would cooperate with the Solar Energy Research Institute in establishing pilot educational programs; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota has a full range of seasons with temperatures ranging from over 100 to less than minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit which would enable the Solar Energy Research Institute to field test systems to be used in any part of the country; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota contains areas which have among the highest average winds in the country and would then eliminate the need for one field station; and

WHEREAS, numerous sites are available in Minnesota at a reasonable cost, and local zoning constraints and building codes are not of a nature which would unnecessarily escalate the cost of building or operating a facility; and

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota and private industry in the state are both willing and able to supply computer support, purchasing and other administrative facilities and building space while the permanent quarters are being phased in; and

WHEREAS, the state contains ample facilities to host the conferences to be held by the Solar Energy Research Institute and their participants; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that it would be in the best interests of the country to establish the Solar Energy Research Institute in Minnesota and the state pledges its support for both its management and location therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the Minnesota Representatives and Senators in Congress.

Approved April 13, 1976.