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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6

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In title XIV, add at the end the following new section (and amend the table of contents accordingly):

1 SEC. 1452. NATIONAL PRIORITY PROJECT DESIGNATION.

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

3 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of Energy.

5 (2) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
6 means the Department of Energy.

7 (b) DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL PRIORITY
8 PROJECTS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby established
10 the National Priority Project designation, which
11 shall be evidenced by a medal bearing the inscription
12 “National Priority Project”. The medal shall be of
13 such design and materials and bear such additional
14 inscriptions as the President may prescribe.

15 (2) MAKING AND PRESENTATION OF DESIGNA-
16 TION.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—The President, on the
18 basis of recommendations made by the Sec-



1 retary, shall annually designate organizations, if
2 any, that have—

3 (i) advanced the field of renewable en-
4 ergy technology and contribute to North
5 American energy independence; and

6 (ii) a project that has been certified
7 by the Secretary under subsection (c).

8 (B) PRESENTATION.—The President shall
9 designate projects with such ceremonies as the
10 President may prescribe.

11 (C) USE OF DESIGNATION.—An organiza-
12 tion that receives a designation under this sec-
13 tion may publicize its designation as a National
14 Priority Project in its advertising.

15 (D) CATEGORIES IN WHICH THE DESIGNA-
16 TION MAY BE GIVEN.—Separate designations
17 shall be made to qualifying projects in each of
18 the following categories:

19 (i) Renewable energy generation
20 projects.

21 (ii) Energy efficient and renewable en-
22 ergy building projects.

23 (e) APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION.—



1 (1) SELECTION CRITERIA.—Certification and
2 selection of the projects to receive the designation
3 shall be based on the following criteria:

4 (A) FOR ALL PROJECTS.—The project
5 demonstrates that it will install no less than 30
6 megawatts of renewable energy generation ca-
7 pacity.

8 (B) FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING
9 AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS.—In addi-
10 tion to meeting the criteria established in sub-
11 paragraph (A), building projects shall—

12 (i) comply with nationally recognized
13 standards for high-performance, sustain-
14 able buildings;

15 (ii) utilize whole-building integration
16 of energy efficiency and environmental per-
17 formance design and technology, including
18 advanced building controls;

19 (iii) utilize renewable energy for at
20 least 50 percent of its energy consumption;

21 (iv) comply with applicable Energy
22 Star standards; and

23 (v) include at least 5,000,000 square
24 feet of enclosed space.

25 (2) APPLICATION.—



1 (A) INITIAL APPLICATIONS.—No later than
2 4 months after the date of enactment of this
3 Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary
4 shall publish in the Federal Register an invita-
5 tion and guidelines for submitting applications,
6 consistent with the provisions of this section.

7 (B) CONTENTS.—The application shall de-
8 scribe the project, or planned project, and its
9 plans to meet the criteria listed in paragraph
10 (1).

11 (3) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 60 days
12 after the application period described in paragraph
13 (2), the Secretary shall certify projects that are rea-
14 sonably expected to meet the criteria described in
15 paragraph (1).

