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CHICAGO (WBBM) -- Inspired by two north suburban high school students, officials from the U.S. House of Representatives came to Chicago today to reduce Congress's carbon footprint on the environment.

WBBM's Regine Schlesinger reports.

In a bipartisan move, three Illinois representatives, Democrats Rahm Emanuel and Dan Lipinski and Republican Mark Kirk, pushed the House to buy carbon credits through the Chicago Climate Exchange. Along with two other moves, the House's chief administrative officer says it will make the House carbon neutral next year.

Congressman Kirk says he got the idea from two students at a global warming seminar he held at Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire.

So now, with the credits bought on the exchange, together with its other environmental steps, the House will fully neutralize the greenhouse gases it emits, a move that advocates say will help congress do its part to ease global warming.